



General Charles Q. Brown, Jr.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. is the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. As Chief, he serves as the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organization, training and equipping of 689,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the general and other service chiefs function as military advisers to the Secretary of Defense, National Security Council and the President.

Gen. Brown was commissioned in 1984 as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at Texas Tech University. He has served in a variety of positions at the squadron and wing levels, including an assignment to the U.S. Air Force Weapons School as an F-16 Fighting Falcon Instructor. His notable staff tours include Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force; Director, Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff Executive Action Group; and Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command. He also served as a National Defense Fellow at the Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia.

Gen. Brown has commanded a fighter squadron, the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, two fighter wings and U.S. Air Forces Central Command. Prior to serving as the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Brown was the commander of Pacific Air Forces, Air Component Commander for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

Gen. Brown is a command pilot with more than 2,900 flying hours, including 130 combat hours.

EDUCATION

- 1984 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Texas Tech University, Lubbock
- 1991 U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
- 1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1994 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 1997 Distinguished graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2000 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 National Defense Fellow, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Va.
- 2008 Air Force Senior Leadership Course, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
- 2012 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Pinnacle Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Leadership at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1985 - April 1986, Student, undergraduate Pilot training, 82nd Student Squadron, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. May 1986 - July 1986, Student, lead-in fighter training, 434th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. August 1986 - March 1987, Student, F-16 training, 62nd Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.
4. April 1987 - October 1988, F-16 Pilot, 35th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea

5. November 1988 - April 1991, F-16 Instructor Pilot, wing electronic combat officer, and wing standardization and evaluation flight examiner, 307th and 308th Tactical Fighter Squadrons, Homestead AFB, Fla.
6. April 1991 - August 1991, Student, U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. August 1991 - August 1992, F-16 Squadron Weapons Officer and Flight Commander, 307th Fighter Squadron, Homestead AFB, Fla.
8. September 1992 - October 1994, Weapons School Instructor, and standardization and evaluation flight examiner, F-16 Division, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. October 1994 - July 1996, Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Va.
10. August 1996 - June 1997, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 1997 - September 1997, Student, Armed Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.
12. September 1997 - November 1999, Air Operations Officer, Current Operations Division, Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
13. November 1999 - June 2003, F-16CJ Instructor Pilot and assistant operations officer, 79th Fighter Squadron; Weapons and Training Flight Commander, 20th Operations Support Squadron; Operations Officer, 55th Fighter Squadron; and Commander, 78th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
14. July 2003 - June 2004, National Defense Fellow, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Va.
15. June 2004 - June 2005, Deputy Chief, Program Integration Division, Directorate of Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Va.
16. July 2005 - May 2007, Commandant, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
17. May 2007 - May 2008, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea
18. June 2008 - May 2009, Director, Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff Executive Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Va.
19. June 2009 - April 2011, Commander, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano AB, Italy
20. May 2011 - May 2013, Deputy Director, Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
21. May 2013 - February 2014, Deputy Commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command; Deputy, Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia
22. March 2014 - June 2015, Director, Operations, Strategic Deterrence, and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe - Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany
23. June 2015 - July 2016, Commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Air Combat Command, Southwest Asia
24. July 2016 - July 2018, Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
25. July 2018 - July 2020, Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
26. August 2020 - present, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1997 - November 1999, Air Operations Officer, Current Operations Division, Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a major
2. May 2011 - May 2013, Deputy Director, Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a brigadier general
3. July 2016 - July 2018, Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a lieutenant

general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,900, including 130 combat hours

Aircraft flown: F-16A/B/C/D and 15 additional fixed and rotary-wing aircraft

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korea Defense Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

NATO Medal

Republic of Korea Order of National Security Merit (Samil Medal)

PUBLICATIONS

"Developing Doctrine for the Future Joint Force: Creating Synergy and Minimizing Seams," Air University Press, September 2005

"No Longer the Outlier: Updating the Air Component Structure" Air University Press, Spring 2016

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Feb. 28, 1985

First Lieutenant Feb. 28, 1987

Captain Feb. 28, 1989

Major Aug. 1, 1996

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 1999

Colonel June 1, 2005

Brigadier General Nov. 20, 2009

Major General July 3, 2013

Lieutenant General June 29, 2015

General July 26, 2018