



GENERAL ALEXUS G. GRYNKEWICH

Gen. Alexis G. Grynkewich is Commander, U.S. European Command and NATO Supreme Allied commander Europe (SACEUR). He is responsible for one of two U.S. forward-deployed geographic combatant commands whose area of focus spans across Europe, portions of Asia and the Middle East, and the Arctic and Atlantic oceans. U.S. European Command is comprised of more than 80,000 military and civilian personnel and is responsible for U.S. defense operations and relations with NATO and 50 countries. As SACEUR, Gen. Grynkewich commands Allied Command Operations, which is responsible for the conduct of all NATO military operations.

Gen. Grynkewich received his commission in 1993 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served as an instructor pilot, weapons officer and operational test pilot in the F-16 Fighting Falcon and F-22 Raptor. He has commanded at the squadron, wing, Air Expeditionary Task Force and Numbered Air Force levels including as commander of 9th Air Force (Air Forces Central) and Combined Forces Air Component Commander for U.S. Central Command. Gen. Grynkewich's staff assignments include service at Air Combat Command, U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, Headquarters Air Force, and the Joint Staff. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

Gen. Grynkewich is a command pilot with more than 2,300 hours in 16 aircraft.

EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Science, Military History, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1994 Master of Arts, History, University of Georgia, Athens
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2006 Master of Arts, Homeland Security, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
- 2006 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2010 Master of Science, Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
- 2012 Leadership Enhancement Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
- 2013 Executive Space Operations Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2014 Capitol Hill Workshop, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Enterprise Leadership Program, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2017 Senior Joint Information Operations Applications Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Combined Forces Air Component Commander's Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2019 Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander's Course, Naval Support Activity Bahrain
- 2019 Combined/Joint Forces Land Component Commander's Course, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
- 2020 Advanced Senior Leader Development Seminar, Warrenton, Va.
- 2021 U.K. Pinnacle, Royal College for Defense Studies, London, England
- 2023 Pinnacle, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1993–August 1994, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institutions Program, University of Georgia, Athens
2. September 1994–September 1995, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
3. October 1995–August 1996, Student, F-16C Replacement Training Unit, 63rd Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. September 1996–July 1999, F-16 Pilot and Chief of Training, 18th FS, 354th FS, Eielson AFB, Alaska
5. August 1999–December 2001, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, and Flight Commander, 421st FS, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 02, 1993	
First Lieutenant June 02, 1995	
Captain June 02, 1997	
Major August 01, 2003	
Lieutenant Colonel September 01, 2007	
Colonel September 01, 2011	
Brigadier General May 24, 2017	
Major General December 01, 2019	
Lieutenant General July 21, 2022	
General July 01, 2025	

6. January 2002–January 2003, F-16C Instructor Pilot and Chief of Weapons, 80th FS, 8th FW, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
7. February 2003–August 2005, F-16C Operation Test and Evaluation Instructor Pilot, F-22A Operational Test and Evaluation and Instructor Pilot, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron; Chief, F-22A Standardization and Evaluation, 53rd Test and Evaluation Group; Director of Operations, 59th Test and Evaluation Squadron, 53rd Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. September 2005–December 2006, Intermediate Developmental Education Student, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
9. January 2007–December 2007, Chief, Interoperability Branch, Fifth Generation Fighter Division; Executive Officer, Directorate of Requirements (A-8), Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
10. January 2008–June 2009, Commander, 49th Operations Support Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
11. July 2009–June 2010, Senior Developmental Education Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
12. July 2010–May 2012, Joint Operational Planner; Chief, Crisis Response Branch, Plans Division (J-35); Chief, Plans Division (J-35), Headquarters U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany
13. June 2012–May 2013, Vice Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
14. May 2013–June 2015, Commander, 53rd Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
15. June 2015–June 2016, Chief, Strategic Planning Integration Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Requirements, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. June 2016–June 2017, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Three, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. June 2017–April 2019, Deputy Director, Global Operations (J-39), J-3, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. April 2019–May 2020, Deputy Commander for Operations, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, and Commander, 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force - Levant, Southwest Asia
19. June 2020–June 2022, Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
20. July 2022–April 2024, Commander, 9th Air Force (Air Forces Central), Shaw AFB, S.C., and Combined Forces Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia
21. May 2024–June 2025, Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
22. July 2025–present, Commander, U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany, and Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), Belgium

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2010–May 2012, Joint Operational Planner; Chief, Crisis Response Branch, Plans Division (J-35); Chief, Plans Division (J-35), Headquarters U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany, as a lieutenant colonel and colonel
2. June 2016–June 2017, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Three, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel and brigadier general
3. June 2017–April 2019, Deputy Director for Global Operations (J-39), J-3, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier general
4. April 2019–May 2020, Deputy Commander for Operations, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, and Commander, 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force - Levant, Southwest Asia, as a brigadier general and major general
5. June 2020–June 2022, Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., as a major general
6. July 2022–April 2024, Combined Forces Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia, as a lieutenant general
7. May 2024–June 2025, Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant general
8. July 2025–present, Commander, U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany, as a general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,300

Aircraft flown: F-16C, F-22A, B-1B, B-2A, B-52H, C-17A, E-9A, F-15D, F-15E, HH-60G, MC-12W, MQ-1B, MQ-9A, QF-4E, T-38A, TU-2S

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Unit Award

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Force Expeditionary Service Medal

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
French National Order of Merit

(Current as of July 2025)

