



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ADRIAN L. SPAIN

Lt. Gen. Adrian L. Spain serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He leads the development and implementation of policy directly supporting global operations, force management, training and readiness for the Air Force and serves as the Air Force Operations Deputy to the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Lt. Gen. Spain entered the Air Force in 1994 through the ROTC program, graduating from Villanova University. He has spent the majority of his career in aviation and command assignments accumulating more than 2,150 flight hours, deploying and serving in joint positions extensively. Prior to his current position, Lt. Gen. Spain was the Director of Training and Readiness, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.
 1996 Outstanding and Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
 2000 Distinguished Graduate, USAF Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2001 F-15C Division USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
 2007 Master of Science, Systems Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
 2011 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
 2014 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
 2015 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1994–June 1995, Gold Bar Recruiter, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.
2. June 1995–June 1996, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
3. September 1996–April 1997, Student, F-15C RTU, 2nd Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. June 1997–June 1999, Four-ship FL and Combat Plans Officer, 44th Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
5. June 1999–July 2001, F-15C Instructor/Evaluator/FCF Pilot/Mission Commander, Chief of Scheduling and Assistant Chief of Weapons, 27th FS, Langley AFB, Va.
6. July 2001–December 2001, Student, 433rd Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. January 2002–July 2003, Chief, Squadron Weapons and Tactics, 58th FS, Eglin AFB, Fla.
8. July 2003–July 2004, 57th WG F15C Chief SEFE and SOF Program Manager, Weapons School Instructor, 57th Operations Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. June 2004–April 2005, Flight Commander, Chief FCF Pilot, Squadron SEFE, ADO; Phase Manager for the Air-to-Air Weapons Employment, Low Altitude, Night Employment, Air Combat Maneuvers, and Dissimilar Air Combat Tactics Phases, 433rd Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. April 2005–May 2006, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, USAF Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. May 2006–June 2007, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
12. June 2007–April 2008, Chief, 1st FW Weapons and Tactics, Langley AFB, Va.
13. April 2008–December 2008, Operations Officer, 94th FS, Langley AFB, Va.
14. December 2008–July 2010, Commander 94th FS, Langley AFB, Va.
15. August 2010–June 2011, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2011–May 2013, Chief, Joint Exercise Division, Alaskan Command and Joint Task Force - Alaska, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
17. June 2013–June 2015, Commandant, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
18. June 2015–June 2017, Commander, 53rd Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
19. June 2017–June 2018, Executive Officer to the Commander North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant
June 01, 1994



First Lieutenant
June 01, 1996



Captain
June 01, 1998



Major
November 01, 2004



Lieutenant Colonel
June 01, 2008



Colonel
October 01, 2013



Brigadier General
October 02, 2018



Major General
August 02, 2021



Lieutenant General
December 19, 2023



Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

20. July 2018–July 2019, Commander, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates

21. August 2019–June 2021, Director, Plans, Programs, and Analyses for Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Force Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany

22. July 2021–July 2022, Director of Operations (J3), U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany

23. July 2022–July 2023, Chief of Staff, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany

24. July 2023–December 2023, Director of Training and Readiness, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

25. December 2023–present, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, HAF, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2011–May 2013, Chief, Joint Exercise Division (J71), Alaskan Command and Joint Task Force-Alaska, Joint Base Elmendorf–Richardson, Alaska, as a lieutenant colonel

2. June 2017 – June 2018, Senior Executive Assistant to the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., as a colonel

3. July 2021–July 2022, Director of Operations (J3), U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, as a major general

4. July 2022–July 2023, Chief of Staff, USEUCOM, Stuttgart, Germany, as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: over 2,150 including 129 combat hours in the F-15C and 94 combat hours in the F-22A

Primary Aircraft: F-15C/D, F-22A

Aircraft Flown: T-37, A/T-38, F-15A/B, F-16D, F-15E, HH-60G, B-1B, B-2A, B-52H, AC-130W, C-130J, KC-135R, C-17A, QF-4E, E-3, KC-10

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Distinguished Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2017 Jerome F. and Mrs. O'Malley Award, Air Combat Command

2011 Mashburn Award Finalist, Antonelli Award Winner, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2001 Flying Award, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

PUBLICATIONS

US Northern Command's Role in the Arctic Region, Proceedings, the Coast Guard Journal of Safety & Security at Sea, Summer 2013, Volume 70 Number 2

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