



GENERAL JOHN D. LAMONTAGNE

Gen. John. D Lamontagne is the Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. As Vice Chief, he oversees the Air Staff and serves as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group. He assists the Chief of Staff with organizing, training and equipping approximately 665,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas. He ensures the United States Air Force is ready to execute its five core missions: air superiority; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; rapid global mobility; global strike; and command and control.

Gen. Lamontagne commissioned in 1992 from the United States Air Force Academy and earned his pilot wings in 1993 from Reese Air Force Base, Texas. He has commanded an airlift squadron, operations group, wing, Air Operations Center, major command, and held various staff assignments including Deputy Director, Joint Staff J-5 and Chief of Staff, U.S. European Command.

Gen. Lamontagne is a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in multiple aircraft, primarily the KC-135R and C-17A, and has flown combat missions in various operations to include Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science, Astronautical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Master of Human Relations, Webster University, Mo.
- 2004 Master of Systems Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2005 Master of Air Power Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Master of National Security Studies, National War College, Washington, D.C.
- 2021 Combined/Joint Force Land Component Commander Course, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
- 2021 Combined/Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2023 Leadership at the Peak, Saint-Gervais-les-Bains, France
- 2023 Pinnacle, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

- July 1992–July 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 54th Flying Training Squadron, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
- January 1994–August 1997, KC-135 Pilot, 99th Air Refueling Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
- September 1997–September 1998, Regional Operations Director, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
- September 1998–November 1999, Civil Reserve Air Fleet Officer, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
- December 1999–August 2003, C-17 Pilot, 14th and 16th Airlift Squadrons, Charleston AFB, S.C.
- August 2003–June 2004, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- June 2004–June 2005, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- July 2005–January 2006, Contingency Airlift Planner, 21st Air Mobility Operations Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
- January 2006–June 2007, Executive Officer, 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, McGuire AFB, N.J.
- June 2007–April 2008, Assistant Operations Officer, then Operations Officer, 15th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
- April 2008–June 2010, Commander, 15th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
- July 2010–June 2011, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- June 2011–May 2013, Strategist, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1992	
First Lieutenant May 27, 1994	
Captain May 27, 1996	
Major December 01, 2002	
Lieutenant Colonel August 01, 2007	
Colonel June 01, 2012	
Brigadier General May 02, 2018	
Major General August 06, 2020	
Lieutenant General July 08, 2022	
General September 09, 2024	

14. May 2013–April 2014, Commander, 379th Expeditionary Operations Group, Southwest Asia
15. May 2014–June 2016, Commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.
16. June 2016–July 2018, Deputy Director of Operations, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
17. July 2018–January 2019, Commander, 618th Air Operations Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
18. January 2019–June 2021, Deputy Director, J-5, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. July 2021–June 2022, Chief of Staff, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany
20. July 2022–August 2024, Deputy Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, Ramstein AB, Germany
21. September 2024–February 2026, Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
22. February 2026–present, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2011–May 2013, Strategist, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
2. January 2019–June 2021, Deputy Director, J-5, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier and major general
3. July 2021–June 2022, Chief of Staff, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, as a lieutenant general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 4,000

Aircraft Flown: C-12, KC-135R and C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Force Achievement Medal

(Current as of March 2026)

