



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



## MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD M. CLARK

Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark is the Commander, Eighth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, and Commander Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. "The Mighty Eighth" serves as the air component headquarters to USSTRATCOM for strategic deterrence, global strike, and operates USSTRATCOM's Joint Air Operations Center. The Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike plans and executes strategic deterrence and global strike operations for USSTRATCOM. General Clark also commands Task Force 204 which oversees the Air Force nuclear bomber and reconnaissance activities in support of USSTRATCOM.



General Clark graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1986. His commands include the 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, and 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas. He has also served as the Vice Commander, 8th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, and Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Vice Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command.

General Clark is a command pilot with 4,200 flight hours, primarily in the B-1 bomber.

### EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Science degree in management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
 1991 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
 1994 Master of Arts degree in human resource development, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.  
 1996 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.  
 1998 Master of Strategic Studies degree, Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.  
 1999 Master of Airpower Studies degree, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
 2005 Master of National Security Studies degree, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1986 - February 1987, junior varsity football coach and candidate counselor, U.S. Air Force

Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2. February 1987 - February 1988, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. February 1988 - November 1991, EC-135 pilot, 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. November 1991 - November 1994, B-1 pilot, 28th Bomb Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
5. November 1994 - July 1997, B-1 instructor pilot, B-1 Flight Training Unit, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
6. July 1997 - June 1998, student, Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
7. June 1998 - June 1999, student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. June 1999 - August 2000, action officer, Air Force Office of Legislative Liaison, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. August 2000 - August 2001, Fellow, President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Washington, D.C.
10. August 2001 - May 2002, assistant Director of Operations, 77th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
11. May 2002 - May 2004, Commander, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
12. May 2004 - June 2005, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. June 2005 - January 2006, Vice Commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas
14. January 2006 - June 2009, Commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas
15. April 2008 - April 2009, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force - Iraq, Multi-National Force - Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq
16. May 2009 - July 2010, Vice Commander, 8th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Barksdale AFB, La.
17. July 2010 - August 2012, Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
18. August 2012 - August 2014, Senior U.S. Defense Official; Chief, Office of Military Cooperation; and Defense Attaché, Cairo, U.S. Central Command, Cairo, Egypt.
19. August 2014 - April 2015, Vice Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
20. April 2015 - present, Commander, Eighth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Barksdale AFB, La., and Joint Functional Component Commander for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. April 2008 - April 2009, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force - Iraq, Multi-National Force - Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq, as a brigadier general
2. August 2012 - August 2014, Senior U.S. Defense Official; Chief, Office of Military Cooperation; and Defense Attaché, Cairo, U.S. Central Command, Cairo, Egypt, as a brigadier general and major general
3. April 2015 - present, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a major general

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: 4,200

Aircraft flown: B-1, EC-135, KC-135, T-1, T-38 and T-6

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Combat Action Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1986

First Lieutenant May 28, 1988

Captain May 28, 1990

Major Sept. 1, 1997  
Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2000  
Colonel Aug. 1, 2004  
Brigadier General Nov. 18, 2009  
Major General June 4, 2013

(Current as of April 2015)