

GENERAL HERBERT J. "HAWK" CARLISLE



Gen. Herbert J. "Hawk" Carlisle Commander, Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. As the commander, he is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and maintaining combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while ensuring strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime defense. The command operates more than 1,300 aircraft, 34 wings, 19 bases, and more than 70 operating locations worldwide with 94,000 active-duty and civilian personnel. When mobilized, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve contribute more than 700 aircraft and 49,000 people to ACC. As the Combat Air Forces lead agent, ACC develops strategy, doctrine, concepts, tactics, and procedures for air- and space-power employment. The command provides conventional and information warfare forces to all unified commands to ensure air, space and information superiority for warfighters and national decision-makers. The command can also be called upon to assist national agencies with intelligence, surveillance and crisis response capabilities.

Prior to assuming his current position, General Carlisle was the Commander of Pacific Air Forces; the Air Component Commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. As the commander, he was responsible for Air Force activities spanning more than half the globe, leading approximately 45,000 Airmen serving principally in Japan, Korea, Hawaii, Alaska and Guam.

General Carlisle graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1978. He has served in various operational and staff assignments throughout the Air Force and commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group, two wings and a numbered air force. The general is a joint service officer and served as the Chief of Air Operations, U.S. Central Command Forward in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. During that time he participated in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. He also participated in Operation Provide Comfort in Turkey and Operation Noble Eagle. General Carlisle served on the Air Staff as Director, Operational Planning, Policy and Strategy, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, and twice in the Plans and Programs Directorate. He also served

as the Deputy Director, and later, Director of Legislative Liaison at the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

The general is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours in the AT-38, YF-110, YF-113, T-38, F-15A/B/C/D, and C-17A.

EDUCATION

1978 Bachelor of Science degree in math, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1982 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1984 F-15 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.

1988 Master's degree in business administration, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif.

1991 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1993 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

1997 Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

2002 National Security Management Course, Syracuse University, N.Y.

2005 Seminar XXI - International Relations, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge

2007 Executive Course on National and International Security, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1978 - November 1979, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.

2. November 1979 - January 1984, instructor pilot and flight examiner, 525th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, West Germany

3. January 1984 - January 1986, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.

4. January 1986 - April 1988, Chief of Weapons and Tactics and flight commander, 4477th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

5. April 1988 - July 1990, Director, F-15 Multistage Improvement Program, Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.

6. July 1990 - June 1991, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

7. June 1991 - July 1993, Chief of Air Operations-Forward Element, Joint Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

8. July 1993 - June 1995, operations officer, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

9. June 1995 - July 1996, Commander, 54th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

10. July 1996 - June 1997, student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

11. June 1997 - June 1998, Deputy Commander, 18th Operations Group, Kadena AB, Japan

12. June 1998 - March 2000, Commander, 1st Operations Group, Langley AFB, Va.

13. March 2000 - February 2001, Chief, Combat Forces Division, Directorate of Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

14. March 2001 - February 2003, Commander, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.

15. March 2003 - August 2004, Chief, Program Integration Division, Directorate of Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

16. September 2004 - April 2005, Deputy Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

17. May 2005 - June 2007, Commander, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

18. June 2007 - November 2007, Director, Operational Planning, Policy and Strategy, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

19. November 2007 - August 2009, Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

20. September 2009 - December 2010, Commander, 13th Air Force, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

21. January 2011 - July 2012, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

22. August 2012 - October 2014, Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

23. October 2014 - present, Commander, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

June 1991 - June 1993, Chief of Air Operations-Forward Element, Joint Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as a major and lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,600

Aircraft flown: AT-38, YF-110, YF-113, T-38, F-15A/B/C/D, and C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1978

First Lieutenant May 31, 1980

Captain May 31, 1982

Major March 1, 1989

Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 1993

Colonel Sept. 1, 1998

Brigadier General Aug. 1, 2005

Major General Dec. 10, 2007

Lieutenant General Sept. 2, 2009

General Aug. 2, 2012

(Current as of July 2015)