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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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## LIEUTENANT GENERAL JERRY D. HARRIS JR.

Lt. Gen. Jerry Harris is Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In support of the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force, General Harris leads the development and integration of the Air Force strategy, long-range plans and operational capabilities-based requirements. He directs and coordinates activities ensuring the Air Force builds and employs effective air, space and cyber forces to achieve national defense objectives.

General Harris entered the Air Force in 1985 as a graduate of the ROTC program at Washington State University. He has served as a flight commander, operations officer, weapons officer and inspector general. The general served on the staffs of two numbered Air Forces and one major command, all in operations. He has also served as the Combined Air and Space Operations Center Battle Director for operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. General Harris has commanded at squadron, group and wing levels. Prior to his current assignment, General Harris was the Vice Commander, Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, 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 peace time air sovereignty and wartime defense.



General Harris is a command pilot with more than 3,100 flying hours in the F-16.

### EDUCATION

1985 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Washington State University  
1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala  
1997 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1997 Master of Science in Aeronautical Science Technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
1998 School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1998 Master of Science in Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1998 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.  
2001 Air War College, by correspondence  
2006 National Defense College, New Delhi, India  
2011 Capstone General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1986 - January 1987, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. January 1987 - April 1987, Student, AT-38B lead-in fighter training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. April 1987 - December 1987, Student, F-16 B-Course, MacDill AFB, Fla.
4. December 1987 - July 1989, Chief, Current Operations Division; Squadron Assistant Programmer; Training Officer; and Mobility Officer, Nellis AFB, Nev.

5. August 1989 - January 1992, Chief of Weapons and Tactics and Air-To-Surface Weapons Officer, Moody AFB, Ga.
6. January 1992 - February 1992, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. February 1992 - March 1994, Chief of Mid-range Programming and Student, Fighter Weapons School, Luke AFB, Ariz.
8. March 1994 - June 1996, Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander; Chief of Wing Weapons; and Chief of Squadron Weapons, Eielson AFB, Alaska
9. July 1996 - July 1998, Student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies and Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 1998 - September 1998, Student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
11. September 1998 - March 1999, NATO Joint Staff Officer, Long-range Plans, Plans and Policy, Headquarters, Southern Region Air Command, Naples, Italy
12. March 1999 - August 2000, Chief of Strategy, Crisis Action Group, Headquarters Southern Region Air Command, Naples, Italy
13. September 2000 - January 2001, Student, F-16 requalification, Luke AFB, Ariz.
14. January 2001 - February 2003, Operations Officer and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 20th Operations Group; and assistant Director of Operations, 79th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
15. March 2003 - February 2005, Commander, 79th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB S.C.
16. March 2005 - July 2005, Staff Director and Inspector General, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB S.C.
17. July 2005 - December 2005, Deputy Commander, 20th Operations Group, Shaw AFB S.C.
18. January 2006 - January 2007, Student, National Defense College, New Delhi, India
19. January 2007 - July 2008, Commander, 505th Training Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
20. July 2008 - November 2008, Director of Air, Space and Information Operations, 13th Air Force, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
21. November 2008 - September 2009, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
22. September 2009 - September 2010, Assistant Director of Operations, Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
23. September 2010 - September 2012, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
24. September 2012 - March 2014, Vice Commander, 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan
25. March 2014 - April 2015, Director of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
26. April 2015 - February 2017, Vice Commander, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
27. February 2017 - Present, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

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

September 1998 - August 2000, NATO Joint Staff Officer, Long-range Plans, Plans and Policy; and Chief of Strategy, Crisis Action Group, Headquarters Southern Region Air Command, Naples Italy, as a major

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,300

Aircraft flown: F-16, T-37, T-38, Mig-29 and Mig-21

#### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Distinguished Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze stars

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Kuwait Liberation Medal (government of Kuwait)

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

Second Lieutenant May 11, 1985

First Lieutenant Sept. 1, 1987

Captain Sept. 1, 1989

Major Sept. 1, 1995

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2000

Colonel Jan. 1, 2006  
Brigadier General Nov. 3, 2010  
Major General June 27, 2014  
Lieutenant General Feb. 22, 2017

(Current as of February 2017)