



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL FRANK H. STOKES

Maj. Gen. Frank H. Stokes is the Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He guides an Air Directorate staff of over 1200 Airmen to formulate plans, policies, programs and execution of the Air National Guard's \$11 billion annual appropriation, enabling the mission readiness of 107,700 military and civilian personnel in 90 wings throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Maj. Gen. Stokes is a principal adviser to the Director, Air National Guard for field-level resourcing, planning and execution.

A native of Duluth, Minnesota, Maj. Gen. Stokes has served in multiple locations as a mission commander and instructor pilot in the F-15 and F-16 fighter jets. He has held command positions at the squadron, group and wing levels and while deployed to Afghanistan.

Prior to assuming his current position, the general served as the Director of Plans, Programs and Requirements for the Air National Guard Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Maryland.

EDUCATION

1983 Bachelor of Science with distinction, Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

1984 Master of Science, Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence

1997 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2000 Air War College, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2003 Maintenance Officer Qualifying Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2005 Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Level IV, Tysons Corner, Va.

2006 Joint Air and Space Operations Senior Staff Course, Peterson AFB, Colo.

2013 Joint Task Force Commander's Training Course, Peterson AFB, Colo.

2014 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.

2014 National Securities Studies Management Course, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

2016 George C. Marshall Center Senior Executive Seminar, Garmisch, Germany

2017 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2018 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

2018 Regional Seminar–Eurozone Mid East Asia, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2018 Regional Studies Seminar–Africa, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2019 CAPSTONE, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.



ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1984–May 1985, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. May 1985–August 1985, Fighter Lead-in Training, 479th Tactical Training Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. August 1985–January 1986, F-15 Initial Qualification Training, 405th Tactical Training Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. January 1986–January 1988, F-15 Pilot, Electronic Combat Pilot, 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.

ASSIGNMENTS CONT.

5. January 1988–October 1988, Chief, Standardization and Evaluation, 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
6. October 1988–May 1990, Flight Commander, F-15 Instructor Pilot, 426th Tactical Fighter Training Sqdn., Luke AFB, Ariz.
7. May 1990–April 1991, Flight Commander and F-15 Instructor Pilot, 555th Tactical Fighter Training Sqdn., Luke AFB, Ariz.
8. April 1991–April 1993, F-16 Pilot, 179th Fighter Squadron, Duluth, Minn.
9. April 1993–December 1994, Weapons & Tactics Officer, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 148th Operations Group, Duluth, Minn.
10. January 1995–October 1997, Air Operations Officer, Flight Commander, 148th Operations Group, Duluth, Minn.
11. November 1997–October 1998, Operations Officer, 179th Fighter Squadron, Duluth, Minn.
12. November 1998–October 2000, Commander, 179th Fighter Squadron, Duluth, Minn.
13. November 2000–October 2002, Vice Commander, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn.
14. November 2002–January 2007, Commander, 148th Maintenance Group, Duluth, Minn.
15. January 2007–May 2007, Commander, 455th Maintenance Group, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan
16. May 2007–November 2007, Commander, 148th Maintenance Group, Duluth, Minn.
17. November 2007–March 2009, Vice Commander, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn.
18. March 2009–October 2015, Commander, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn.
19. October 2015–April 2016, Chief Current Operations, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.
20. April 2016–April 2018, Deputy Director, Strategy Plans and Programs Directorate, United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany
21. April 2018–November 2019, Director, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Air National Guard Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Md.
22. November 2019–Present, Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2015–April 2016, Chief of Current Operations, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va., as a Colonel
2. April 2016–April 2018, Deputy Director Strategy, Engagement, and Programs, United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany, as a Brigadier General

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,400

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-15, F-16

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 24, 1983

First Lieutenant Dec. 10, 1985

Captain Dec. 10, 1987

Major Oct. 14, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 22, 1998

Colonel Jan. 30, 2003

Brigadier General April 21, 2016

Major General Nov. 15, 2019

(Current as of February 2020)