



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK H. STOKES

Brigadier General Frank H. Stokes is the Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. As Commander, he leads the Air Directorate Staff in support of formulating all plans, policies, programs and execution of the Air National Guard's more than \$10 billion annual appropriation, enabling the mission readiness of more than 107,000 military and civilian personnel in 90 wings throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Brig Gen Stokes is a principal adviser to the Director, Air National Guard on field-level resourcing, planning and execution.

A native of Duluth, Minnesota, Brig Gen Stokes has served in multiple locations as a mission commander and instructor pilot in the F-15 and F-16. He has held command positions at the squadron, group and wing levels and while deployed to Afghanistan. General Stokes is a command pilot with more than 4,400 hours in single seat fighters.

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



EDUCATION

- 1983 University of Minnesota, Bachelor of Science with distinction, Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1984 University of Minnesota, Master of Science, Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1988 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1997 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2000 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2003 Maintenance Officer Qualifying Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- 2005 Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Level IV, Tysons Corner, Virginia
- 2006 Joint Air and Space Operations Senior Staff Course, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1984 – May 1985, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 1985 – August 1985, Fighter Lead-in Training, 479th Tactical Training Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
3. August 1985 – January 1986, F-15 Initial Qualification Training, 405th Tactical Training Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona
4. January 1986 – January 1988, F-15 Pilot, Electronic Combat Pilot, 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
5. January 1988 – October 1988, Chief, Standardization and Evaluation, 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
6. October 1988 – May 1990, Flight Commander and F-15 Instructor Pilot, 426th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona
7. May 1990 - April 1991, Flight Commander and F-15 Instructor Pilot, 555th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona
8. April 1991 – April 1993, F-16 Pilot, 179th Fighter Squadron, Duluth, Minnesota
9. April 1993 – December 1994, Weapons & Tactics Officer, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 148th Operations Group, Duluth, Minnesota
10. January 1995 – October 1997, Air Operations Officer, Flight Commander, 148th Operations Group, Duluth, Minnesota
11. November 1997 – October 1998, Operations Officer, 179th Fighter Squadron, Duluth, Minnesota

12. November 1998 – October 2000, Commander, 179th Fighter Squadron, Duluth, Minnesota
13. November 2000 – October 2002, Vice Commander, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minnesota
14. November 2002 – January 2007, Commander, 148th Maintenance Group, Duluth, Minnesota
15. January 2007 – May 2007, Commander, 455th Maintenance Group, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan
16. May 2007 – November 2007, Commander, 148th Maintenance Group, Duluth, Minnesota
17. November 2007 – March 2009, Vice Commander, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minnesota
18. March 2009 – October 2015, Commander, 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minnesota
19. October 2015 – April 2016, Chief Current Operations, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
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, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
22. November 2019 – Present, Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,400

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

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2015 – April 2016, Chief of Current Operations, National Guard Joint Staff, Arlington, Virginia
2. April 2016 – April 2018, Deputy Director Strategy, Engagement, and Programs, United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	24 June 1983
First Lieutenant	10 December 1985
Captain	10 December 1987
Major	14 October 1994
Lieutenant Colonel	22 November 1998
Colonel	30 January 2003
Brigadier General	21 April 2016

(Current as of November 2019)