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**CHIEF OF STAFF**

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U.S. AIR FORCE

# Chief of Staff

Although the U.S. Air Force is the youngest of the three U.S. Military Services, it has grown to become a major part of our Military establishment. The success of this growth and development has been due to outstanding individual dedication and leadership of many leaders. This scholarship is dedicated to the Senior Military Officer of the U.S. Air Force, the CHIEF OF STAFF.

The Air Force has evolved from a small part of the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army to become the respected organization of the U.S. Air Force.

## USAF - Evolution of the Name AIR COMMANDERS

DESIGNATION	FROM	TO
Aeronautical Div., US Signal Corps	Aug. 1, 1907	July 18, 1914
Aviation Section, US Signal Corps	July 18, 1914	May 24, 1918
Army Air Service (AAS)	May 24, 1918	July 2, 1926
Army Air Corps (AAC)	July 2, 1926	June 20, 1941
Army Air Forces (AAF)	June 20, 1941	Sept. 18, 1947
United States Air Force (USAF)	Sept. 18, 1947	

## AIR COMMANDERS

COMMANDER	TITLE	FROM	TO
Brig. Gen James Allen	Chief, Signal Officer	Aug. 1, 1907	Feb. 13, 1913
Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven	Chief, Signal Officer	Feb. 13, 1913	July 18, 1914
Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven	Chief, Signal Officer	July 18, 1914	Feb 13, 1917
Maj. Gen. George D. Squier	Chief, Signal Officer	Feb 14, 1917	May 20, 1918
Maj. Gen. William L. Kenly	Chief Div. of Mil. Aeronautics	May 20, 1918	Dec. 22, 1918
Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher	Chief of Air Service	Dec. 23, 1918	Oct. 4, 1921
Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick	Chief of Air Service	Oct. 5, 1921	July 1, 1926
Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick	Chief of Air Corps	July 2, 1926	Dec. 12, 1927
Maj. Gen. James E. Fechet	Chief of Air Corps	Dec. 13, 1927	Dec. 18, 1931
Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois	Chief of Air Corps	Dec. 19, 1931	Dec. 21, 1935
Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover	Chief of Air Corps	Dec. 22, 1935	Sept. 21, 1938
Gen. H. H. Arnold	Chief of Air Corps	Sept. 29, 1938	June 29, 1941
Gen. H. H. Arnold	Chief of AAF	June 30, 1941	Mar. 8, 1942
Gen. of the Army H. H. Arnold	Commanding General, AAF	Mar. 9, 1942	Feb. 9, 1946
Gen. Carl A Spaatz	Commanding General, AAF	Feb. 10, 1946	Sept. 25, 1947
Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	Chief of Staff, USAF	Sept. 26, 1947	Apr. 29, 1948
Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg	Chief of Staff, USAF	Apr. 30, 1948	June 29, 1953
Gen. Nathan F. Twining	Chief of Staff, USAF	June 30, 1953	June 30, 1957
Gen. Thomas D. White	Chief of Staff, USAF	July 1, 1957	June 30, 1961
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay	Chief of Staff, USAF	June 30, 1961	Jan. 31, 1965
Gen. John P. McConnell	Chief of Staff, USAF	Feb. 1, 1965	July 31, 1969

Gen. John D. Ryan	Chief of Staff, USAF	Aug. 1, 1969	July 31, 1973
Gen. George S. Brown	Chief of Staff, USAF	Aug. 1, 1973	June 30, 1974
Gen. David C. Jones	Chief of Staff, USAF	July 1, 1974	June 30, 1978
Gen. Lew Allen, Jr.	Chief of Staff, USAF	July 1, 1978	June 30, 1982
Gen. Charles A. Gabriel	Chief of Staff, USAF	July 1, 1982	June 30, 1986
Gen. Larry D. Welch	Chief of Staff, USAF	July 1, 1986	

## AIR FORCE PERSONNEL STRENGTH

YEAR		STRENGTH
1907		3
1908		13
1909		27
1910		11
	World War I	
1916		311
1917		1,218
1918		195,023
1919		25,603
1920		9,050
	World War II	
1939		23,455
1940		51,165
1941		152,125
1942		764,415
1943		2,197,114
1944		2,372,292
1945		2,282,259
1946		455,515
1947		305,827
	Berlin Airlift	
1948		387,730
1949		419,347
	Korean War	
1950		411,277
1951		788,381
1952		973,474
1953		977,593
1954		947,918

### Vietnam Conflict

1961	820,490
1962	883,330
1963	868,644
1964	855,802
1965	823,633
1966	886,350
1967	897,426
1988	576,446
1989	570,965
1990	571,100

### MAJOR COMMANDS

Air Force Communication Command (AFCC)  
Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC)  
Air Force Space Commander (AFSPACEOM) (CINCNORAD)  
Air Force Systems Command (AFSC)  
Air Training Command (ATC)  
Air University (AU)  
Alaskan Air Command (AAC)  
Electronic Security Command (ESC)  
Military Airlift Command (MAC)  
Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)  
Strategic Air Command (SAC)  
Tactical Air Command (TAC)  
United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE)  
United States Air Force Academy (USAFSA)

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*The Falcon Foundation:*

*My late husband, Stuart Symington, served as Assistant Secretary of War for Air 1946-1947. He was then appointed the first Secretary of the United States Air Force 1947-1950. With the then Air Force Chief of Staff, General Carl Spaatz, they conceived and planned the establishment of the Air Force Academy, but the Korean War precluded final approval until 1954. He was elected and served in the United States Senate 1952-1977. During his thirty years of Government service, his great love was the United States Air Force and its dedicated leaders.*

*It is my pleasure to establish this Scholarship in Perpetuity honoring, each year, the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.*

*Sincerely,*

*Nancy Symington*

*Mrs. Ann Herrington Symington*

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