



# U.S. Strategic Command Biography

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## **Major General Randy S. Taylor** **Chief of Staff, USSTRATCOM**

Major General Randy S. Taylor is Chief of Staff of U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), one of 11 Unified Commands under the Department of Defense. USSTRATCOM is responsible for the global command and control of U.S. strategic forces to meet decisive national security objectives, providing a broad range of strategic capabilities and options for the President and Secretary of Defense.

General Taylor enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 19, later graduated from the University of Maryland, attended Infantry Officer Basic Course in 1988 and was first assigned to the Berlin Brigade, West Berlin, West Germany, as a rifle platoon leader. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology and Management, a Master's degree in Telecommunications Management, and a Master's degree in National Security and

Strategic Studies. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College.

General Taylor most recently served as the Commander of the 16,000-personnel U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and Senior Commander of the 28,000-person Aberdeen Proving Ground. As the CECOM Commander, he was the U.S. Army's command, control, communications, computers, cyber, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (C5ISR) materiel integrator and sustainer.

General Taylor's other recent command assignments include Brigade Commander, Defense Information Systems Agency-CONUS at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; and Commander of the 112th Signal Battalion (Special Operations) (Airborne), U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg and while deployed for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq. His other operational deployments include Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM; Operation RESTORE HOPE in Somalia; Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti; and overseas assignments at Izmir, Turkey, and Sinai, Egypt.

His recent staff assignments have been as the Army CIO/G-6's Director of Architecture, Operations, Networks, and Space; U.S. Army Forces Command G-6; the U.S. Southern Command J-6; and the Presidential Contingency Communications Program Manager, White House Military Office, in the George W. Bush administration.

Among his awards, Major General Taylor has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the French Commando Badge, the Army Staff Badge, and the Presidential Service Badge.

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