

U.S. Strategic Command Biography



Major General Nina M. Armagno J5 Director, Plans and Policy

Major General Nina M. Armagno is the Director of Plans and Policy, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. She is directly responsible to the USSTRATCOM Commander for the development and implementation of national security policy and guidance; military strategy and guidance; space and weapons employment policy and concepts; and joint doctrine as they apply to the command and the execution of its mission. She is also responsible for the development of the nation's strategic war plan, strategic support plans for theater combatant commanders, and contingency

planning for the global strike mission.

Maj. Gen. Armagno earned her commission and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., in June 1988. Her experience in space systems operations includes combat-mission-ready operator, instructor, evaluator and flight commander in strategic missile warning, space surveillance, space control, space launch and theater missile warning mission areas.

Prior to her current assignment, Maj. Gen. Armagno served as the Director of Strategic Plans, Programs, Requirements and Analysis, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., where she was responsible for developing strategy, doctrine and policy for the command's space and cyberspace operations. She also served as the Commander, 45th Space Wing, and Director, Eastern Range, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla; Commander, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; Commander and Deputy Commander, 21st Operations Group, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Senior Military Assistant and Chief of Staff to the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Squadron and Installation Commander, 6th Space Warning Squadron, Cape Cod Air Force Station, Mass.; Director of Operations, 1st Space Launch Squadron, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. In addition, she has held staff assignments at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Headquarters 14th Air Force and the 381st Training Group and served as an Air Force Legislative Fellow in the Office of Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher.

EDUCATION

- 1988 Bachelor of Science degree in biology, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1999 Master of Arts degree in education administration and management, Chapman University, Calif.
- 2000 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence.
- 2002 Air Force Legislative Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 Certificate in Legislative Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 Air War College, by correspondence.
- 2007 Master of Science degree in national security studies, National War College, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 United States Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of Virginia, Darden School of Business, Va.
- 2010 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2014 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Washington D.C.
- 2014 Capstone General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 Senior Joint Information Operations Application Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. July 1988 November 1988, Student, Undergraduate Space Training, Lowry AFB, Colo.
- 2. November 1988 December 1988, Student, Combat Crew Training, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 3. January 1989 February 1993, Missile Warning Crew Commander, Chief of Training and Chief, Standardization/Evaluation, 7th Space Warning Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
- 4. March 1993 November 1994, Chief, operations training, 21st Operations Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 5. November 1994 September 1996, Flight Commander, 11th Space Warning Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
- 6. September 1996 July 1998, Instructor and Flight Commander, 533rd Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- 7. July 1998 July 1999, Executive Officer, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- 8. July 1999 July 2000, Chief, warning operations, Headquarters 14th Air Force, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- 9. July 2000 September 2001, Operations Officer, 1st Space Launch Squadron, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.
- 10. September 2001 September 2002, Air Force Legislative Fellow, Washington, D.C.
- 11. September 2002 May 2003, Chief, ground-based warning, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- 12. June 2003 December 2004, Commander, 6th Space Warning Squadron, Cape Cod Air Force Station, Mass.
- 13. December 2004 July 2006, Deputy Commander, 21st Operations Group, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 14. July 2006 June 2007, Student, National War College, Washington, D.C.

- 15. June 2007 May 2008, Military Assistant for Space and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Systems to the director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.
- 16. May 2008 June 2009, Senior Military Assistant and Chief of Staff to the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C. 17. June 2009 July 2011, Commander, 21st Operations Group, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 18. July 2011 January 2012, Director of Staff, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 19. January 2012 May 2013, Commander, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- 20. June 2013 August 2015, Commander, 45th Space Wing, and Director, Eastern Range, Patrick AFB, Fla.
- 21. August 2015 June 2017, Director of Strategic Plans, Programs, Requirements and Analysis, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 22. June 2017 Present, Director, Plans and Policy, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

MISSILE/SPACE INFORMATION

Master Space Operations Badge

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2010 Women of Influence Award 2014 Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Distinguished Space Leadership Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1988
First Lieutenant June 1, 1990
Captain June 1, 1992
Major Oct. 1, 1999
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2003
Colonel Sept. 1, 2007
Brigadier General Oct. 2, 2013
Major General June 15, 2016

(Current as of June 2017)