

U.S. Strategic Command Biography



Major General Richard J. Evans III J10 Director, Reserve Directorate and Mobilization Assistant to the Commander

Major General Richard J. Evans III is the Director of Reserve Forces and Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He serves as the principal advisor to the Commander on reserve component matters related to the command's diverse missions, including strategic deterrence and assurance, space and cyberspace operations, full-spectrum global strike, integrated missile defense, joint electromagnetic spectrum operations and joint warfare analysis.

General Evans received his commission in 1984 as a distinguished graduate of the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science. He has commanded at the detachment, squadron, group and wing levels. His operational flying assignments include instructor and functional check flight Weapon Systems Officer in the RF-4; and instructor and evaluator Navigator in the KC-135. His staff assignments include wing-level operations, plans, tactics and personnel assignments; Special Assistant to the Director, Air National Guard for the Quadrennial Defense Review 2010; Acting Director for Space and Information Superiority at the National Guard Bureau; and National Reconnaissance Office Liaison Officer to U.S. Strategic Command. He also served as Chair of the Air National Guard's KC-135 and Space, ISR and Cyber Weapon System Councils and was member of the Air Directorate Field Advisory Council from 2004-2012.

General Evans has commanded expeditionary forces and flown combat missions in the KC-135 supporting Operations Uphold Democracy, Decisive Endeavor, Deliberate Guard, Deliberate Forge, Allied Force, Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He also served as Director of Mobility Forces for NATO Operation Unified Protector. He is a graduate of the USAF Fighter Weapons School and master navigator with over 3,800 flying hours, including 153 combat/combat support hours.

EDUCATION

1984 University of Nebraska-Omaha, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration,

Omaha, Nebraska

- 1988 United States Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
- 1989 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2003 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2010 U.S. Northern Command, Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, Peterson AFB, Colorado
- 2011 Joint Forces Staff College, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Norfolk, Virginia
- 2014 Capstone General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 Senior Executives in National and International Security Course, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. December 1984 August 1985, student, undergraduate navigator training and tactical navigation training, Mather AFB, California
- 2. August 1985 May 1986, student, RF-4C Replacement Training Unit, 189th Tactical Reconnaissance Training Flight, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
- 3. May 1986 August 1988, RF-4C weapon systems officer and instructor, 173rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
- 4. August 1988 December 1988, student, USAF Fighter Weapons School, RF-4C Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, 190th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
- 5. December 1988 December 1990, RF-4C weapons and tactics officer, 173rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
- 6. December 1990 August 1993, RF-4C instructor and Chief of Operations Plans, 155th Reconnaissance Group, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
- 7. August 1993 December 1993, student, KC-135R Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, California
- 8. December 1993 July 1999, KC-135R instructor and evaluator navigator and Chief of Current Operations, 155th Operations Group, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
- 9. July 1999 July 2000, Director of Personnel, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
- 10. July 2000 July 2002, KC-135R evaluator navigator and Chief of Current Operations, 155th Operations Group, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
- 11. July 2002 January 2005, Commander, Detachment 1, HQ Nebraska Air National Guard, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
- 12. January 2005 July 2007, Commander, 170th Operations Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska (April 2005 August 2005, Acting Director, Space and Information Superiority, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia)
- 13. July 2007 September 2007, Commander, 170th Group, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
- 14. September 2007 June 2012, Commander, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska (April 2009 August 2009, Special Assistant to the Director, Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia; March 2011 June 2011, Director of Mobility Forces and Air Mobility Command Liaison Officer, NATO Operation

Unified Protector, NATO Combined Forces Air Command, Izmir, Turkey and Poggio Renatico, Italy)

- 15. June 2012 September 2013, Mobilization Assistant to the Director, Global Operations (J3), U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
- 16. September 2013 August 2014, Deputy Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
- 17. August 2014 September, 2016, Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska (July September 2016, Acting Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska)
- 18. October 2016 Present, Director of Reserve Forces and Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. March 2011 June 2011, Director of Mobility Forces and Air Mobility Command Liaison Officer for NATO Operation Unified Protector, NATO Combined Forces Air Command, Izmir, Turkey, as a colonel
- 2. June 2012 September 2103, Mobilization Assistant to the Director, Global Operations (J3), U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a brigadier general 3. September 2013 August 2014, Deputy Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a brigadier general
- 4. August 2014 September 2016, Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a major general
- 5. October 2016 Present, Director of Reserve Forces and Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master navigator Flight hours: More than 3,800

Aircraft flown: E-6B, E-4B, KC-135R, RF-4C, RC-135V/W, T-37B, T-43A and F/A-18B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with two silver oak leaf clusters

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1984 Distinguished Graduate, ANG Academy of Military Science

1985 Distinguished Graduate and recipient of the ATC Commander's and Ira Husik

Memorial Trophies, USAF Undergraduate Navigator Training
1985 Distinguished Graduate and recipient of the Top Gun Award, USAF Tactical
Navigation Training
1993 Distinguished Graduate, KC-135R combat crew training; member of first all
Distinguished Graduate Crew
1994 Distinguished Graduate, KC-135R central flight instructor course

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION Second Lieutenant October 18, 1984 First Lieutenant October 20, 1986 Captain November 1, 1989 Major January 15, 1995 Lieutenant Colonel March 19, 2000 Colonel July 22, 2004 Brigadier General June 3, 2012 Major General April 30, 2015

(Current as of July 19, 2017)