



# U.S. Strategic Command Biography

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**General John W. Raymond**  
**Commander, Air Force Space Command (Air Forces Strategic-Space)**  
**Joint Force Space Component Commander,**  
**USSTRATCOM**

Gen. John W. “Jay” Raymond is Commander, Air Force Space Command (Air Forces Strategic-Space) and the Joint Force Space Component Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. As Commander, Air Force Space Command, General Raymond is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and maintaining mission-ready space and cyberspace forces and capabilities for North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Strategic Command and other combatant commands around the world. The command comprises approximately 36,000 space and cyberspace professionals assigned to 134 locations worldwide. As the

Joint Force Space Component Commander, he directs assigned and attached USSTRATCOM space forces providing tailored, responsive, theater and global space effects in support of national objectives.

General Raymond was commissioned through the ROTC program at Clemson University in 1984. He has commanded the 5th Space Surveillance Squadron at Royal Air Force Feltwell, England, the 30th Operations Group at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB, Colorado, and the 14th Air Force, United States Strategic Command, Joint Functional Component Command for Space. He deployed to Southwest Asia as Director of Space Forces in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The general's staff assignments include Headquarters Air Force Space Command, U.S. Strategic Command, the Air Staff and the Office of Secretary of Defense.

Prior to assuming command of Air Force Space Command, General Raymond was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

## EDUCATION

1984 Bachelor of Science, Administrative Management, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.

1990 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1990 Master of Science, Administrative Management, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mass.

1997 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2003 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2007 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

2011 Combined Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2012 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1985 - October 1989, Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile crew commander; alternate command post; flight commander and instructor crew commander; and missile procedures trainer operator, 321st Strategic Missile Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
2. October 1989 - August 1993, operations center officer controller, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division, and executive officer, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
3. August 1993 - February 1996, Chief, Commercial Space Lift Operations, assistant Chief, Current Operations Branch, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
4. February 1996 - August 1996, Deputy Director, Commander in Chief's Action Group, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
5. August 1996 - June 1997, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. June 1997 - August 1998, space and missile force programmer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
7. September 1998 - April 2000, Chief, Expeditionary Aerospace Force Space and Program Integration, Expeditionary Aerospace Force Implementation Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
8. April 2000 - June 2001, Commander, 5th Space Surveillance Squadron, Royal Air Force Feltwell, England
9. June 2001 - July 2002, Deputy Commander, 21st Operations Group, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. July 2002 - June 2003, student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
11. June 2003 - June 2005, transformation strategist, Office of Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2005 - June 2007, Commander, 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif. (September 2006- January 2007, Director of Space Forces, Combined Air Operations Center, Southwest Asia)
13. June 2007 - August 2009, Commander, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.
14. August 2009 - December 2010, Director of Plans, Programs and Analyses, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
15. December 2010 - July 2012, Vice Commander, 5th Air Force, and Deputy Commander, 13th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan
16. July 2012 - January 2014, Director of Plans and Policy (J5), U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
17. January 2014 - August 2015, Commander, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Air Force Space Command, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
18. August 2015 – October 2016, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
19. October 2016 – present, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
20. December 2017 – present, Joint Force Space Component Commander, Peterson AFB, Colo.

#### SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2003 - June 2005, transformation strategist, Office of Force Transformation, Office of Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
2. July 2012 - January 2014, Director of Plans and Policy (J5), U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a major general
3. January 2014 - August 2015, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, USSTRATCOM, Vandenberg AFB, Calif., as a lieutenant general
4. December 2017 – present, Joint Force Space Component Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a general

#### OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Badges: Master Space Operations Badge, Master Missile Operations Badge

Systems: Counter Communications System, Deep Space Tracking System, Minuteman III

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

#### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2007 General Jerome F. O'Malley Distinguished Space Leadership Award, Air Force Association

2015 Thomas D. White Space Award, Air Force Association

2016 Peter B. Teets Government Award, National Defense Industrial Association

2017 James V. Hartinger Award, National Defense Industrial Association

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 20, 1984

First Lieutenant July 20, 1986

Captain July 20, 1988

Major July 1, 1996

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 1999

Colonel July 1, 2004

Brigadier General Aug. 19, 2009

Major General May 4, 2012

Lieutenant General Jan. 31, 2014

General, Oct. 25, 2016

(Current as of December 2017)