



U.S. Strategic Command Biography



*Brigadier General Andrew J. Gebara
J3N Deputy Director, Nuclear Operations*

Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Gebara is the Deputy Director, Nuclear Operations, Global Operations Directorate, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. As the command's principal flag officer for the employment and commitment of nuclear forces, General Gebara is responsible for the overall USSTRATCOM nuclear mission. He directs the actions and alert status of the National Airborne Operations Center, the Global Operations Center, and the Airborne Command Post. As the lead for all USSTRATCOM nuclear matters, General

Gebara reports to the Combatant Commander on the command's physical security and mission assurance programs, and oversees the day-to-day readiness of the nation's strategic deterrent forces: bombers, intercontinental ballistic missiles, and ballistic missile submarines.

General Gebara, a Highland, California, native, entered the Air Force in 1991 after commissioning through the U.S. Naval Academy. A veteran of four campaigns, he has served tours of duty with the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, as well as one tour as deputy director of the U.S. Central Command Commander's Initiatives Group, and two deployments serving on the multi-national staff of the Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan.

General Gebara is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours, including 46 combat sorties in the A-10 and B-2 in support of operations Iraqi Freedom I, Allied Force, and Joint Guard, as well as service both in the air and on the ground in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

1997 Master of Social Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2003 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2006 Master of Operational Studies, School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
2009 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
2010 Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership, University of Missouri, Columbia
2012 United States Air Force Executive Leadership Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1991 – May 1993, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Reese AFB, Texas
2. May – November 1993, Student, B-52G combat crew training, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. November 1993 – September 1997, B-52H Copilot, Aircraft Commander and Squadron Chief Of Safety, Barksdale AFB, La.
4. September 1997 – June 1998, Student, A-10 upgrade training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
5. June 1998 – May 2000, A-10 4-Ship Flight Lead and Chief of Scheduling, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
6. May 2000 – March 2001, Student, B-2 upgrade training, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
7. March 2001 – June 2005, B-2 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, and Assistant Director Of Operations, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
8. June 2005 – June 2006, Student, School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
9. June 2006 – July 2008, B-2 Director of Operations, later, Commander, 325th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
10. July 2008 – June 2009, Student, Naval War College, NS Newport, R.I.
11. June 2009 – June 2010, Deputy Director and Chief, Strategic Communications Branch, Commander's Initiatives Group, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
12. July 2010 – February 2011, Deputy Director, Commander's Initiatives Group, International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan
13. April 2011 – May 2012, Vice Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
14. May 2012 – August 2014, Commander, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.
15. August 2014 – May 2015, Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. May 2015 – Present, Deputy Director for Nuclear Operations, Global Operations Directorate, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009 – June 2010, Deputy Director and Chief, Strategic Communications Branch, Commander's Initiatives Group, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2010 – February 2011, Deputy Director, Commander's Initiatives Group, International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a lieutenant colonel
3. May 2015 – Present, Deputy Director for Nuclear Operations, Global Operations Directorate, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,600

Aircraft Flown: A/OA-10, B-2, B-52G/H and T/AT-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1993 Distinguished Graduate, B-52 Combat Crew Training Course

1998 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer's School, Class 98-E

1998 Distinguished Graduate, Joint Firepower Control Course, Class 93-03

2009 Distinguished Graduate, Highest Distinction, Naval War College

2009 AFCEA Research Honor Award

PUBLICATIONS

"Deep Thoughts," A-10s over Kosovo: The Victory of Airpower over a Fielded Army as Told by the Airmen Who Fought in Operation Allied Force, December 2003.

"What's a B-2 Weapons Officer, and Why Would I Want to Become One?" USAF Weapons Review, Summer 2004.

"You Have the Patch, You Figure It Out!" USAF Weapons Review, Summer 2005.

"The L.O. Challenged Jet: Employment Options for L.O. Degraded Stealth Bombers," USAF Weapons Review, Fall 2005.

"Beyond the Wild Blue-on-Blue: Leveraging Counter-Fratricide Technologies for Operational Effects," May 2006

"Damage Control: Leveraging Crisis Communications for Operational Effect," Air and Space Power Journal, Fall 2009

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1991

First Lieutenant May 30, 1993

Captain May 30, 1995

Major April 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2006

Colonel Sept.1, 2011

Brigadier General January 1, 2016

(Current as of December 2015)