



# UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

## Biography

### **Major General John J. Nichols** **J3 Director, Global Operations, USSTRATCOM**

Maj Gen John J. Nichols is the Director of Global Operations, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. As Director, he serves as the principal advisor to the USSTRATCOM Commander on nuclear operations and is responsible for the day-to-day readiness of U.S. nuclear command and control and strategic deterrent forces. He is also responsible for synchronizing component, joint and coalition operations and directing assigned forces to achieve USSTRATCOM and national objectives.



Maj Gen Nichols received his commission through the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1992. Following graduation, he served as an Intelligence Officer for seven years. Maj Gen Nichols then attended Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, and served in multiple flying assignments in the B-1. Maj. Gen Nichols has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels to include the 14th Flying Training Wing at Columbus AFB, Mississippi and the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Missouri.

Maj Gen Nichols is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours.

#### **EDUCATION**

1992 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
1997 U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.  
1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2004 Master of Arts, Military Science, American Military University, Manassas, Va.  
2006 Master of Arts, Military Arts and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2011 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
2012 Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.  
2016 Enterprise Leadership Seminar at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1992 - May 1993, Student, Intelligence Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
2. June 1993 - May 1996, Chief, Operational Intelligence, 17th Air Force, Sembach Air Base, Germany
3. June 1996 - December 1997, Chief, Intelligence, 523rd Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
4. January 1998 - July 1999, Chief, Intel Weapons & Tactics, 28th Operational Support Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
5. August 1999 - August 2000, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
6. September 2000 - July 2001, B-1 Student, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas

7. August 2001 - July 2005, B-1 Pilot, Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
8. August 2005 - June 2006, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2006 - May 2008, Director of Operations, 37th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
10. June 2008 - June 2010, Commander, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
11. July 2010 - June 2011, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2011 - May 2013, Commander, 28th Operations Group, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
13. June 2013 - June 2014, Chief, Combat Plans Division, 609 Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
14. July 2014 - July 2016, Commander, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.
15. August 2016 - June 2017, Deputy Director of Operations, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
16. July 2017 - May 2019, Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
17. June 2019 – October 2021, Deputy Director of Global Operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
18. October 2021 – July 2022, Director, Global Power Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. August 2022 – present, Director of Global Operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2013 - June 2014, Chief, Combat Plans Division, 609 Air Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, as a colonel
2. June 2019 - October 2021, Deputy Director of Global Operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a brigadier general and major general
3. August 2022 - present, Director of Global Operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a major general

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500 hours, including 660 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, B-1, MQ-9, T-1, T-6, A-29, B-52, B-2, and E-6B

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and five oak leaf clusters

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1992

First Lieutenant May 27, 1994

Captain May 27, 1996

Major Dec. 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2006

Colonel Sept. 1, 2011

Brigadier General Aug. 11, 2017

Major General July 3, 2020

*(Current as of August 2022)*