



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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GENERAL NORTON A. SCHWARTZ

Gen. Norton A. Schwartz is Commander, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. USTRANSCOM is the single manager for global air, land and sea transportation for the Department of Defense.

General Schwartz attended the U.S. Air Force Academy and graduated in 1973. He is an alumnus of the National War College, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a 1994 Fellow of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI. He has served as Commander of the Special Operations Command-Pacific, as well as Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, and the 11th Air Force. Prior to assuming his current position, General Schwartz was Director, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

General Schwartz is a command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours in a variety of aircraft. He participated as a crewmember in the 1975 airlift evacuation of Saigon, and in 1991 served as Chief of Staff of the Joint Special Operations Task Force for Northern Iraq in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 1997, he led the Joint Task Force that prepared for the noncombatant evacuation of U.S. citizens in Cambodia.



EDUCATION

- 1973 Bachelor's degree in political science and international affairs, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1977 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1983 Master's degree in business administration, Central Michigan University
- 1984 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 1989 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 1994 Seminar XXI Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug. 1973 – Sept. 1974, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. Oct. 1974 – Jan. 1975, student, C-130 initial qualification training, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. Feb. 1975 – Oct. 1977, C-130E aircraft commander, 776th and 21st tactical airlift squadrons, Clark Air Base, Philippines
4. Oct. 1977 – Dec. 1977, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
5. Dec. 1977 – Oct. 1979, C-130E/H flight examiner, 61st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. Oct. 1979 – Nov. 1980, intern, Air Staff Training Program, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Operations and Readiness, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
7. Nov. 1980 - July 1983, MC-130E flight examiner, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. July 1983 – Jan. 1984, student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
9. Jan. 1984 – Apr. 1986, action officer, Directorate of Plans, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. May 1986 - June 1988, Commander, 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
11. Aug. 1988 - June 1989, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. July 1989 - July 1991, Director of Plans and Policy, Special Operations Command Europe, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany

13. Aug. 1991 - May 1993, Deputy Commander for Operations and Commander, 1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
14. May 1993 - May 1995, Deputy Director of Operations, later, Deputy Director of Forces, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
15. June 1995 - May 1997, Commander, 16th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
16. June 1997 – Oct. 1998, Commander, Special Operations Command, Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii
17. Oct. 1998 – Jan. 2000, Director of Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. Jan. 2000 – Sept. 2000, Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
19. Sept. 2000 – Oct. 2002, Commander, Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region and 11th Air Force, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
20. Oct. 2002 – Oct. 2004, Director for Operations, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
21. Oct. 2004 – Aug. 2005, Director, the Joint Staff, Washington, D. C.
22. Sept. 2005 – present, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,200

Aircraft flown: C-130E/H, MC-130E/H/P, HC-130, AC-130H/U, YMC-130, MH-53 and MH-60

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 6, 1973

First Lieutenant June 6, 1975

Captain June 6, 1977

Major Nov. 1, 1982

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 1985

Colonel Feb. 1, 1991

Brigadier General Jan. 1, 1996

Major General March 4, 1999

Lieutenant General Jan. 18, 2000

General Oct. 1, 2005

(Current as of October 2005)