



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

GENERAL KEVIN P. CHILTON

Gen. Kevin P. Chilton is Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. He is responsible for the global command and control of U.S. strategic forces to meet decisive national security objectives. USSTRATCOM provides a broad range of strategic capabilities and options for the President and Secretary of Defense. Command mission areas include full-spectrum global strike; space operations; computer network operations; Department of Defense information operations; strategic warning; integrated missile defense; global command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; combating weapons of mass destruction; and specialized expertise to the joint warfighter.

General Chilton is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 1976. A Guggenheim Fellow, he completed a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering at Columbia University. He flew operational assignments in the RF-4C and F-15 and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School. General Chilton conducted weapons testing in various models of the F-4 and F-15 prior to joining the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1987. At NASA he flew on three space shuttle missions and served as the Deputy Program Manager for Operations for the International Space Station Program.



The general has served on the Air Force Space Command staff, the Air Staff and the Joint Staff, and he has commanded the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, 8th Air Force, Joint Functional Component Command for Space and Global Strike, and Air Force Space Command.

EDUCATION

1976 Distinguished graduate, Bachelor of Science degree in engineering science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1977 Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

1982 Distinguished graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1984 Distinguished graduate, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.

1985 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2001 Air War College, by correspondence

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1984 Distinguished graduate, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
1985 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2001 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1977 - May 1978, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. May 1978 - August 1978, student, RF-4C Replacement Training Unit, Shaw AFB, S.C.
3. August 1978 - November 1980, RF-4C pilot and instructor pilot, 15th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
4. November 1980 - August 1982, F-15C pilot, 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
5. August 1982 - October 1982, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. October 1982 - December 1983, F-15A pilot, instructor pilot and flight commander, 9th and 7th tactical fighter squadrons, Holloman AFB, N.M.
7. January 1984 - December 1984, student, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
8. January 1985 - August 1987, test pilot and operations officer, 3247th Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
9. August 1987 - August 1988, astronaut candidate, NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas
10. August 1988 - May 1996, astronaut, NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas
11. May 1996 - August 1998, Deputy Program Manager of Operations, International Space Station Program, NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas
12. August 1998 - May 1999, Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
13. May 1999 - September 2000, Commander, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, Calif.
14. October 2000 - April 2002, Director of Politico-Military Affairs, Asia-Pacific and Middle East, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. April 2002 - August 2004, Director of Programs, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
16. August 2004 - August 2005, acting Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
17. August 2005 - June 2006, Commander, 8th Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La., and Joint Functional Component Commander for Space and Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
18. June 2006 - September 2007, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
19. October 2007 - present, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command astronaut pilot

Flight hours: More than 5,000

Aircraft flown: F-4C/D/E, F-15A/B/C/D, OV-104A and OV-105A (space shuttles Atlantis and Endeavour), RF-4C, T-38, U-2 and VC-11, B-52H

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

NASA Space Flight Medal with two oak leaf clusters

NASA Exceptional Service Medal

NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Guggenheim Fellow

Commander's Trophy, Undergraduate Pilot Training
1982 Secretary of the Air Force Leadership Award
1984 Liethen-Tittle Award for top graduate, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1976
First Lieutenant June 2, 1978
Captain June 2, 1980
Major May 2, 1985
Lieutenant Colonel June 2, 1989
Colonel Jan. 1, 1993
Brigadier General May 1, 1999
Major General April 1, 2002
Lieutenant General Aug. 9, 2005
General June 26, 2006

(Current as of November 2007)