



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



MAJOR GENERAL RUSSELL J. HANDY

Maj. Gen. Russell J. Handy is Director of Operations, Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. PACAF's primary mission is to provide ready air and space power to promote United States interests in the Asia-Pacific region during peacetime, through crisis and in war.

General Handy was commissioned in 1983 through Officer Training School after graduating from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He has held a variety of flying, staff and command assignments, including the 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB; 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev; and 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq. The general is a graduate of, and has been an instructor, at the USAF Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB. He has also served at North American Aerospace Defense Command as Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs, Peterson AFB, Colo.



General Handy is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours, primarily in the F-15. He led combat missions during operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Desert Fox, Southern Watch and Noble Eagle.

EDUCATION

1982 Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1989 USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

1995 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

1995 Master of Science degree in administration, Central Michigan University

1996 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

2003 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2010 Capstone General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1983 - April 1984, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.

2. May 1984 - June 1984, student, fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, N.M.

3. July 1984 - December 1984, student, F-15 conversion training, Luke AFB, Ariz.

4. January 1985 - December 1987, instructor pilot and assistant Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 44th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan

5. January 1988 - February 1988, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

6. March 1988 - July 1991, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 71st Tactical Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.

7. August 1991 - May 1994, instructor pilot, USAF Weapons School; and flight safety officer, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. June 1994 - May 1995, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
9. June 1995 - May 1998, Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs; and Chief, Aerospace Missile Defense Operations, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. June 1998 - June 2002, Commander, 58th Fighter Squadron; Chief of Safety, 33rd Fighter Wing; and Director of Operations, 60th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
11. July 2002 - June 2003, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. July 2003 - August 2005, Commander, 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
13. August 2005 - June 2006, Vice Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.
14. June 2006 - January 2008, Commander, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
15. January 2008 - August 2010, Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
16. August 2010 - December 2011, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq, and Director, Air Component Coordination Element-Iraq
17. January 2012 - Present, Director, Operations, Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 - May 1998, Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs; Chief, Aerospace Missile Defense Operations, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a major
2. August 2010 - December 2011, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq, and Director, Air Component Coordination Element-Iraq, as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,600

Aircraft flown: F-15A/B/C/D/E, T-37 and T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 22, 1983

First Lieutenant April 22, 1985

Captain April 22, 1987

Major March 1, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 1998

Colonel July 11, 2003

Brigadier General Dec. 9, 2008

Major General January 6, 2012

(Current as of August 2012)