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General Arthur J. Lichte, USAF

Commander
Air Mobility Command (AMC)



GEN. ARTHUR J. LICHTE is Commander, Air Mobility Command (AMC). The AMC mission is to provide rapid, global mobility and sustainment for America's armed forces. The command also plays a crucial role in providing humanitarian support at home and around the world. The men and women of AMC - active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilians - provide airlift, aerial refueling, special air mission and aeromedical evacuation for all of America's armed forces.

General Lichte hails from The Bronx, N.Y., where he graduated from Cardinal Spellman High School and entered the Air Force in 1971 as a distinguished graduate of Manhattan College's ROTC program. During his Air Force career, General Lichte has held command positions at squadron, group and wing levels. He is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours in various aircraft, including the C-5, C-17, C-20, C-21, C-32, C-37, C-130, EC/RC-121, KC-10, KC-135, UH-1N and VC-137. In addition to his command experience, General Lichte has held headquarters-level assignments at Strategic Air Command, Air Mobility Command, U.S. Air Force and TRANSCOM.

Prior to assuming his current position, General Lichte served as Assistant Vice Chief of Staff and Director, Air Force Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for Air Staff organization and administration, served as Deputy Chairman of the Air Force Council, and was the Air Force accreditation official for the Corps of Air Attachés.

EDUCATION

1971 Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, Manhattan College, New York, N.Y.
1978 Master's degree in systems management, University of Southern California
1978 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1989 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair
1994 Program for Senior Officials in National Security, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard
2002 Revolutions in Business Affairs, USN Postgraduate School

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1971 - October 1972, pilot training, Sheppard AFB
2. October 1972 - May 1975, EC-121 pilot, 552nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, McClellan AFB,
3. May 1975 - July 1981, co-pilot, aircraft commander, flight commander, standardization and evaluation aircraft commander, later, KC-135 training flight instructor, 380th Air Refueling Squadron, Plattsburgh AFB
4. July 1981 - July 1985, Ass't Chief, Tanker Resource Management Team; Chief, Tanker Career Management Section; Chief, Operations-Maintenance Squadron Commander Management Branch; Chief, Special Assignments Activity Branch; later, Chief, Selective Assignments Activity Branch, HQ SAC, Offutt AFB
5. July 1985 - Aug 1988, KC-10A flight commander, later, operations officer, later, Commander, 9th Air Refueling Squadron, March AFB, Calif.
6. August 1988 - June 1989, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
7. June 1989 - January 1990, Deputy Chief, Strategic Forces Division, HQ USAF
8. Jan 1990 - June 1991, executive officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Resources, HQ USAF
9. June 1991 - April 1992, Ass't Deputy Commander for Operations, 2nd Bombardment Wing, Barksdale AFB

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ASSIGNMENTS *continued*

10. April 1992 - July 1993, Commander, 458th Operations Group, Barksdale AFB, La.
11. July 1993 - July 1995, executive officer to the Commander, USTRANSCOM, and to the Commander, AMC, Scott AFB, Ill.
12. August 1995 - November 1996, Commander, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
13. November 1996 - January 1999, Commander, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, Md.
14. Jan 1999 - April 2000, Dir of Global Reach Programs, Office of the Ass't Sec't of the USAF for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
15. April 2000 - December 2002, Director of Plans and Programs, Headquarters AMC, Scott AFB, Ill.
16. December 2002 - June 2005, Vice Commander, USAFE, Ramstein AB, Germany
17. July 2005 - August 2007, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff and Director, Air Force Staff, HQ USAF
18. September 2007 - present, Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot
Flight hours: More than 5,000
Aircraft flown: C-5, C-17, C-20, C-21, C-32, C-37, C-130, EC/RC-121, KC-10A, KC-135, UH-1N and VC-137

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
National Order of Merit (France)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 23, 1971
First Lieutenant April 3, 1973
Captain Oct. 3, 1975
Major Aug. 1, 1983
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 1986
Colonel Dec. 1, 1991
Brigadier General April 1, 1996
Major General July 1, 1999
Lieutenant General Jan. 1, 2003
General Sept. 7, 2007