



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL NORMAN R. SEIP

Lt. Gen. Norman R. Seip is Commander, 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern), Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Twelfth Air Force comprises seven active-duty wings and three direct-reporting units in the western and midwestern United States. The fighter and bomber wings possess 400 aircraft and more than 33,000 active-duty military and civilian personnel. The three direct-reporting units, the 1st Air Support Operations Group, the 3rd Combat Communications Group and the 820th Red Horse Squadron, comprise more than 1,200 personnel. He is also responsible for the operational readiness of 12th Air Force-gained wings of the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, including an additional 18,800 personnel and more than 200 aircraft. As the Commander, Air Forces Southern, a component to the Combatant Commander, U.S. Southern Command, he oversees Air Force assets, five forward-operating locations, and civil and military engagements in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean.

General Seip entered the Air Force after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1974. He has commanded two squadrons, an operations group and a wing. The general was an exchange officer with the U.S. Navy serving with VF-41 on board the USS Nimitz. He has also served in key positions during tours with Air Combat Command, the Air Staff and Joint Staff.

General Seip is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours, primarily in fighter aircraft. He flew the F-15E in support of operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch and Iraqi Freedom. As the Deputy Combined Forces Air Component Commander for U.S. Central Command, General Seip had a direct impact in supporting combat operations in operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.



EDUCATION

- 1974 Bachelor's degree in history, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1977 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1980 Master's degree in public administration, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif.
- 1984 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1994 Air War College, by seminar
- 2003 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Pinnacle Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1974 - July 1975, student, undergraduate pilot training, Craig Air Force Base, Ala.
2. September 1975 - February 1976, RF-4 student pilot, 33rd Tactical Reconnaissance Training Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
3. February 1976 - February 1979, RF-4C instructor pilot and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 62nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
4. February 1979 - August 1979, F-4D student pilot, 63rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.
5. August 1979 - February 1982, F-4E instructor pilot, and standardization and evaluation officer, 18th and 43rd tactical fighter squadrons, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
6. February 1982 - June 1982, F-15 student pilot, 555th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
7. June 1982 - August 1983, F-15 pilot and Chief of Training, 43rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
8. August 1983 - April 1984, student pilot, F-14 Flight Replacement Training Squadron, Officer Exchange Program, Oceana Naval Air Station, Va.
9. April 1984 - March 1986, F-14 pilot, weapons training officer and assistant operations officer, Officer Exchange Program, VF-41, Oceana Soucek Field, Va., and USS Nimitz
10. March 1986 - April 1988, F-15 pilot and flight commander, 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
11. April 1988 - August 1991, F-16 Program Manager, executive special assistant for Director of Plans and Programs, and executive

officer to the Director of Operations, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va.

12. August 1991 - December 1991, F-15E student pilot, 461st Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.

13. December 1991 - August 1992, F-15E pilot and Chief of Quality Improvement, 335th Fighter Squadron, later, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

14. August 1992 - May 1993, operations officer, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

15. May 1993 - May 1994, Commander, 4th Operations Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

16. May 1994 - February 1996, Commander, 334th Fighter Squadron and Inspector General, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

17. February 1996 - October 1997, Commander, 48th Operations Group, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England

18. October 1997 - April 1999, executive officer to the Air Force Chief of Staff, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C.

19. April 1999 - May 2001, Commander, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

20. May 2001 - July 2002, Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

21. July 2002 - May 2004, Deputy Director of Operations and Training, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

22. May 2004 - June 2005, Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander, U.S. Central Command, Deputy Commander Air Force Forces, and Deputy Commander 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force, Air Combat Command, Southwest Asia

23. June 2005 - June 2006, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements (A3/5), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

24. July 2006 - present, Commander, 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern) Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,500

Aircraft flown: RF-4C, F-4D/E, F-14A and F-15A/E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Navy Achievement Medal

Medalha Merito Santos-Dumont (Medal Santos-Dumont Merit, Brazil)

Medalla de la Aeronautica (Medal of Aeronautics, Paraguay)

Cruz de la Fuerza Aérea al Mérito Aeronáutica (Colombian Air Force Cross, Aeronautical Merit)

Orden del Mérito Aéreo en su Primera Categoría (Order of Aeronautical Merit, First Class, Dominican Republic)

Distinción Al Mérito Aeronáutico (Aeronautical Merit, Category of Grand Officer, Uruguay)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 5, 1974

First Lieutenant June 5, 1976

Captain June 5, 1978

Major Oct. 1, 1985

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 1, 1990

Colonel Aug. 1, 1996

Brigadier General Sept. 1, 2000

Major General Oct. 1, 2004

Lieutenant General July 7, 2006

(Current as of October 2008)