



LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATRICK P. CARUANA

Retired Sep. 1, 1997.

Lt. Gen. Patrick P. Caruana is vice commander of Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

The general was born in St. Louis, Mo., and enlisted in the Air Force in 1957. He became a C-119 crew chief, received an Air Force Academy appointment and graduated in 1963, later joining the faculty there. He is a command pilot, having flown more than 5,000 hours with 500 combat hours in the C-123 and KC-135A. He commanded the service's first fully operational KC-135R wing, a strategic wing that supported Pacific fighter, reconnaissance and SR-71 aircraft, an air division in both peacetime and combat, and the first space numbered Air Force.

As an air campaign planner and commander directing strategic forces in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War, his people operated 12 wings of tanker, bomber and battle management aircraft in six nations and the Indian Ocean area. At the Pentagon, he directed long-range power projection, special operations forces airlift, and training programs. As Air Force Space Command's first 14th Air Force commander he directed the Air Force's only space force which supports warfighting worldwide with ballistic missile warning, control of Department of Defense and NATO satellites, spacelift generation and range operations, global space surveillance and warning, and ballistic missile test operations.

EDUCATION

1963 Bachelor of science degree in engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1968 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1972 Master of science degree in mathematics, Texas A&M University

1977 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1984 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1957 - May 1959, C-119 crew chief, Air Force Reserve, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
2. June 1959 - June 1963, cadet, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
3. July 1963 - September 1964, student, undergraduate pilot training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.

4. October 1964 - March 1965, student, KC-135 combat crew training, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
5. March 1965 - November 1969, KC-135 co-pilot, later, aircraft commander, 916th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
6. November 1969 - January 1970, student, C-123 training, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio
7. February 1970 - December 1970, pilot, and senior command post controller, 315th Tactical Airlift Wing, Phan Rang Air Base, South Vietnam
8. January 1971 - August 1972, graduate student, Texas A&M University
9. August 1972 - June 1976, assistant professor and basic division chief, department of mathematical sciences, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
10. June 1976 - July 1977, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
11. July 1977 - September 1980, aircraft commander, then squadron operations officer, 920th Air Refueling Squadron, Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Mich.
12. September 1980 - June 1982, commander, 11th Air Refueling Squadron, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.
13. June 1982 - August 1983, chief, applications division, tanker directorate, deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
14. August 1983 - August 1984, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. August 1984 - June 1985, vice commander, 376th Strategic Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan
16. June 1985 - April 1986, commander, 376th Strategic Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan
17. April 1986 - July 1987, commander, 384th Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.
18. July 1987 - September 1989, deputy director, strategic, special operational forces and airlift programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Washington, D.C.
19. September 1989 - August 1990, commander, 42nd Air Division, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
20. August 1990 - March 1991, director of strategic forces, U.S. Central Air Forces; commander, 17th Air Division (Provisional), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
21. March 1991 - July 1991, commander, 42nd Air Division, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
22. July 1991 - January 1992, deputy chief of staff, operations, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
23. January 1992 - September 1993, director, long-range power projection, special operations forces airlift and training programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Washington, D.C.
24. September 1993 - August 1994, commander, 14th Air Force, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
25. August 1994 - present, vice commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 5,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, KC-10, KC-135A, KC-135R, EC-135, RC-135, B-52, B-1, T-29 and C-123K

BADGES

Aircraft Maintenance Badge

Missile Badge

Space Operations Badge

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Distinguished Flying Cross

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Presidential Unit Citation
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Vietnam Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jun 5, 1963
First Lieutenant Dec 5, 1965
Captain Mar 10, 1967
Major Apr 1, 1974
Lieutenant Colonel Aug 1, 1979
Colonel Nov 1, 1983
Brigadier General Oct 2, 1989
Major General Jul 2, 1992
Lieutenant General Aug 1, 1994

(Current as of October 1994)