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JEANNIE M. LEAVITT

First USAF Female Fighter Pilot; First USAF Female Fighter Wing Commander; Combat Veteran



BIOGRAPHY

Maj. Gen. Jeannie M. Leavitt served as the Department of the Air Force Chief of Safety, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia, and Commander, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. In this position, she developed, executed and evaluated all Air Force and Space Force aviation, ground, weapons, space and system mishap prevention and nuclear surety programs to preserve combat capability. Additionally, she directed research to promote safety awareness and mishap prevention, oversaw mishap investigations, evaluated corrective actions and ensured implementation. Finally, she managed, developed and directed all safety and risk management courses.

General Leavitt entered the Air Force in 1992 after earning her bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas and her master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford University. She earned her commission as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program. General Leavitt has served in a variety of flying, staff and command assignments and has commanded at the flight, squadron and wing level. She is a graduate and former instructor of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School and is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours. Her operational experiences include operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

She previously served as Director of Operations and Communications, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, where she was responsible for the world's largest training organization, providing initial skills, undergraduate flying, post-graduate combat crew and supplemental training for over 300,000 Air Force, joint and international personnel at 65 Air Force and Department of Defense locations.