

NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND And UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND Biography



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John H. Bordelon UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



Maj. Gen. John H. Bordelon is the Chief of Staff, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

NORAD is a binational Canada and United States command. As the NORAD Chief of Staff, he directs a joint staff to coordinate command responsibilities for Aerospace Warning for North America and Attack Assessment and Aerospace Control for North America.

As the USNORTHCOM Chief of Staff, he directs a joint staff in order to deter, prevent and defeat threats and aggression aimed at the United States and its territories and interests within USNORTHCOM's assigned areas of responsibility. Additional duties involve coordinating and directing military assistance to civil authorities, including civil support and consequence management operations when authorized by the Secretary of Defense or President of the United States.

General Bordelon received his commission from Officer Training School after graduating from Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. Following pilot training and active service, he entered the Air Force Reserve unit program. His duties in the Reserve program have included weapons officer, instructor pilot, flight commander and combat deployment detachment commander. He has also commanded a fighter squadron and an expeditionary operations group. He also served as Vice Commander of the 926th Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La. During operations Iraqi Freedom, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Horn of Africa, the General served as Director, Combined Air and Space Operations Center, Southwest Asia.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device, Combat Readiness Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, global War on

Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device. The General is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft, including combat hours in Vietnam, Bosnia and Iraq.

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