

NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND and UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND Biography



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Major General Charles D. Luckey is the Chief of Staff, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

NORAD is a bi-national U.S. and Canadian organization charged with the missions of aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning for North America. As the NORAD Chief of Staff, he directs a joint and bi-national staff to coordinate command responsibilities 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 Luckey was commissioned in the Army after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Virginia in 1977. He began his military career as an Infantry Officer leading Soldiers in both mechanized and Special Forces units until separating from active duty in 1982 to attend law school. In 1985, General Luckey returned to active duty and served with the 82d Airborne, Ft. Bragg, NC. In 1991, he transferred to the Army Reserve and subsequently commanded units at the battalion, brigade, and group level, culminating with his assignment as the Commanding General of the 78th Division (TS). General Luckey was recalled to Active Duty in 2008 and selected to serve as the Chief, Office of Security Cooperation in Baghdad, Iraq. Prior to his current assignment, General Luckey served on the Joint Staff as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff Lead for the Iraq transition.

Having served in a variety of theaters with three combat tours, General Luckey's awards, badges and decorations are consistent with those of most Soldiers who have had the honor to serve the United States over a period of decades and the good fortune to return safely home. He is blissfully married to a Tar Heel, the former Julie Marie Fisher of Greensboro, North Carolina, and has three children: Lissa (29), Max (26), and Timothy Fitch (23).

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