

General Ronald R. Fogleman, United States Air Force (Retired)

Military Biography:

General Ron Fogleman retired from the USAF after 34 years of active commissioned service. On his final tour of duty General Fogleman served as the 15th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Prior to that assignment he was Commander in Chief of the U.S. Transportation Command (CINCTRANS). As Chief of Staff, he served as the senior uniformed officer responsible for the organization, training and equipment of 750,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and Overseas. As a member of the JCS, he served as a military advisor to the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council and the President.

General Fogleman is an active pilot with an extensive background in fighters, mobility aircraft and general aviation. He has flown over 8,500 total hours. His fighter experience included operational tours in the F-100, F-4, F-15, F-16 and A-10. He served two tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War flying 315 combat missions and logging 806 hours of combat fighter time. On his first tour he flew 80 missions as a Misty Fast FAC. While serving as USCINCTRANS and Commander of the Air Mobility Command he flew mobility aircraft in support of humanitarian and contingency operations on six continents. Other senior command positions held include: Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea; Commander 7th Air Force and Commander Air Component Command of the US/ROK Combined Forces Command; Commander 836th Air Division; and Commander of the 56th FW. General Fogleman's staff experience saw a heavy emphasis on long-range programming and strategic planning. While serving as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, he hosted the first world-wide conference of air chiefs. He has a Bachelor's degree from the USAF Academy and a Master's degree in Military History and Political Science from Duke University.

Flight Information:

Ratings: Command Pilot, Parachutist, Missileer
Flight Hours: More than 8,500, including 806 combat hours
Aircraft Flown: Over 60 types, operational tours in the T-37, T-33, F-100, F-4, F-15, F-16, A-10, C-21, and C141
Pilot wings from: Republic of Korea, Romania and Thailand

Major Military Awards and Decorations:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Army Distinguished Service Medal
Navy Distinguished Service Medal
National Aeronautics and Space Agency Public Service Medal (2)
Silver Star
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster
Purple Heart
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal with 17 oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars
Korean Defense Service Medal
Legion of Honor, with Rank of Commander, France
Order of National Security Merit, Kooksun, Republic of Korea
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
Venezuelan Air Force Cross, First Class
Knight Grand Cross, First Class, of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand
Grand Cordon, First Class, of the Rising Sun, Japan
Royal Order, First Class, of the Polar Star, Sweden
Legion of Merit, System of Cooperation among American States



Post-Military Service:

General Fogleman has served on numerous public and private boards and is currently the Chairman of the Board of Theia Satellite Network, Chairman of the Board of Tactical Air Support, Inc., and serves as a board member of Black Mountain Investments, and Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation. He devotes considerable time to national security and community affairs. He is a member of the Falcon Foundation, Airlift Tanker Association, and the Air Force Association. Since retiring from the Air Force he has served on the Defense Policy Board, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Advisory Council, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Advisory Board, chaired an Air Force Laboratory study on directed energy weapons, chaired a National Research Council Committee on Aeronautics Research and Technology for Vision 2050: An Integrated Transportation System, served on the NASA Mars Program Independent Assessment Team, the congressionally directed Commission to Assess United States National Security Space Management and Organization, the NASA Shuttle Return to Flight Task Group and the Independent Assessment Panel to Examine the Management and Organization of National Security Space Assets. He lectures on leadership, international affairs and military issues and has published numerous articles on air and space operations.

Major Post-Military Career Awards:

Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee, 1998
USAFA Distinguished Graduate Award, 2001
Gathering of Eagles Inductee 1998, 2013
National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee, 2006
Thomas D White National Defense Award, 2008
Airlift Tanker Association Hall of Fame Inductee, 2013
USAFA Character and Leadership Award, 2014
Air Force Historical Foundation Spaatz Award, 2015
Air Force Association Lifetime Achievement Award, 2017
National Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee, 2018