

# **MAJOR GENERAL DENNIS G. LUCAS**

## **Chief of Staff, California Air National Guard**

Major General Dennis G. Lucas is Chief of Staff, California Air National Guard, and also serves as Commander, California Air National Guard. He is responsible for command and control oversight of five major field-level organizations comprised of nearly 5,000 military and civilian personnel serving at ten locations within California. As Commander, California Air National Guard, General Lucas is the senior Air National Guard officer responsible for providing operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces to support national defense requirements world wide and emergency response, relief, and recovery operations throughout California.

In 1971, General Lucas graduated from Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He joined the California Air National Guard in 1980 and held a variety of operational assignments until 1987, when he transferred to California State Headquarters. In 1999, he was assigned as the Director of Command, Control, Communications and Computers and in 2000, was appointed as the Assistant Adjutant General-Air, California National Guard. In September 2004 he began serving as Commander, California Air National Guard.

### **EDUCATION:**

1970 Duquesne University, Bachelor of Science, Biology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
1979 Golden Gate University, Master of Public Administration, San Francisco, California  
1989 Air War College, by correspondence

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. March 1971 - January 1972, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, California
2. January 1972 – September 1972, Student, F-4E Combat Crew Training, 309th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Homestead Air Force Base, Florida
3. September 1972 - June 1973, Weapon Systems Officer, F-4E, Fast Forward Air Controller, 34th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand
4. June 1973 – February 1975, Weapon System Officer, F-4D, 493rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Base, Lakenheath, England
5. February 1975 – October 1976 – Flight Examiner/Standardization/Evaluation, F-4D, 494<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Base, Lakenheath, England
6. October 1976 - April 1980, Flight Examiner/Instructor Weapon System Officer, F-4C/D/E/F, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, George Air Force Base, California
7. April 1980 - May 1980, United State Air Force Reserve Officer, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colorado
8. May 1980 - September 1982, Weapons Systems Officer, F4D, 163rd Direct Air Support Center Squadron, Ontario International Airport, Ontario, California
9. October 1982 - June 1987, Standard/Evaluation, 163rd Tactical Fighter Group, March Air Force Base, California

10. June 1987 - June 1993, Education and Training Officer, Headquarters, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, California
11. June 1993 – June 1999, Executive Staff Officer, Headquarters, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, California
12. June 1999 – May 2000, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Headquarters, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, California
13. June 2000 – March 2006, Assistant Adjutant General-Air, California National Guard, Sacramento, California
14. March 2006 – Present, Chief of Staff, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, California; also serves, September 2004-Present, Commander, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, California

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight Hours: More than 2,400 including 130 combat missions

Aircraft flown: T-29, F-4C/D/E/F

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross (with Valor and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Valor and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Combat Readiness Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars)

Vietnam Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Humanitarian Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Air Force Overseas Ribbon (Short Tour)

Air Force Overseas Ribbon (Long Tour)

Air Force Longevity Service Award (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 1 Silver Hourglass)

Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant 16 March 1971

First Lieutenant 16 March 1974

Captain 16 March 1976

Major 1 November 1984

Lieutenant Colonel 1 November 1988  
Colonel 24 June 1994  
Brigadier General 24 May 2001  
Major General 8 March 2006