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Lieutenant General Michael M. Dunn, USAF President, National Defense University

Lieutenant General Michael M. Dunn became the 11th President of the National Defense University on July 2, 2003. Prior to assuming his duties at NDU, he was Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy for the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. He provided guidance on joint strategic planning, military strategy, politico-military matters, nuclear and chemical development requirements, security assistance and policy. He also provided direction on maritime affairs, arms control, disarmament, international drug interdiction and international negotiations.

After graduating fourth in his class from the U.S. Air Force Academy in June 1972, General Dunn flew the F-106 at Castle Air Force Base, Calif. Following various duties in Washington, D.C., Florida and Alabama, he transitioned to the F-15, which he flew in the Far East.

General Dunn has commanded the 1st Operations Group at Langley Air Force Base, Va., and a group then composed of nine squadrons and one flight with F-15, UH-1, C-21, HC-130 and HH-3 aircraft. After a joint tour at Headquarters U.S. European Command, General Dunn was the Senior Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City. He then served as the Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon, and later, as Director of Plans and Programs at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Prior to assuming his current position, General Dunn was Deputy Chief of Staff for United Nations Command and U.S. Forces Korea where he was lead negotiator with the North

Korean Army at P'anmunjom. He is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours.

EDUCATION

1972 Bachelor of science degree in astrodynamics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1976 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1981 Master of science degree in systems management, University of Southern California

1983 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1984 National Security Management Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

1986 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1989 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

1991 Seminar XXI Executive Course, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Washington, D.C.

1994 Senior Officials in National Security Executive Course, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

1998 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1972 - September 1973, student, pilot training, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
2. September 1973 - June 1974, student, F-106 training, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
3. June 1974 - June 1978, instructor pilot, standardization and evaluation officer and weapons officer, 84th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
4. June 1978 - June 1979, action officer, Air Staff Training Program, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for Legislative Liaison, Washington, D.C.
5. June 1979 - July 1982, instructor pilot and chief of tactics, research and development, Interceptor Weapons School, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
6. July 1982 - June 1983, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
7. June 1983 - September 1983, student, F-15 training, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
8. September 1983 - November 1985, F-15 pilot and chief of plans, programs and special projects, 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan
9. November 1985 - July 1988, F-15 pilot and director of fighter operations, Headquarters 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan
10. July 1988 - June 1989, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. June 1989 - June 1991, Chief, Pacific East Asia Division, later, Chief, Strategy Division, later, Deputy Assistant Director for Joint National Security Council Matters, Directorate of Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
12. June 1991 - June 1992, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

13. June 1992 - June 1993, Commander, 1st Operations Group, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
14. June 1993 - June 1994, Chief, Strategy, Resources and Legislative Affairs Division, Directorate of Plans, Headquarters U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany
15. June 1994 - July 1995, Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany
16. July 1995 - May 1996, Senior Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, N.Y.
17. May 1996 - July 1997, Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. July 1997 - March 1999, Director of Plans and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
19. March 1999 - June 2001, Deputy Chief of Staff, United Nations Command and U.S. Forces Korea, Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea
20. June 2001 - present, Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Council on Foreign Relations

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jun 7, 1972
First Lieutenant Jun 7, 1974
Captain Jun 7, 1976
Major Nov 1, 1981
Lieutenant Colonel Mar 1, 1984
Colonel Aug 1, 1989
Brigadier General Aug 1, 1996
Major General Oct 1, 1999
Lieutenant General June 30, 2003