



## LIEUTENANT GENERAL CASE A. CUNNINGHAM

Lt. Gen. Case A. Cunningham is the commander, Alaskan Command (ALCOM), Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Region (ANR), and Eleventh Air Force, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. As the senior military officer in Alaska, he is responsible for integrating all military activities in the Alaska theater of operations, synchronizing more than 21,000 active-duty, National Guard, and Reserve forces across all services. As commander of ALCOM under United States Northern Command, he is responsible for executing security and civil support actions. As commander of ANR, Cunningham directs operations to ensure effective surveillance, monitoring, and defense of the region's airspace. He is also responsible for the planning and execution of all homeland defense operations within the area. Finally, Cunningham commands 11 AF, overseeing the training and readiness of five Air Force wings with installations located in Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam.

Cunningham received his commission in 1994 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served as the commander of two wings and as the commander and leader of the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the "Thunderbirds." Prior to his current assignment, he was the commander of the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Lt. Gen. Cunningham is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours, including more than 600 combat hours in three different aircraft, in multiple areas of operation.

### EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1999 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2005 Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2006 Master of Arts, National Security Studies, American Military University
- 2006 Master of Science, Strategic Leadership, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2007 Master of Airpower Art & Science, School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 Air University Lorenz Fellowship, Las Vegas, Nev.
- 2013 Doctor of Philosophy, Military Strategy, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Joint & Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2015 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2016 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler School of Business, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Second Lieutenant  
June 01, 1994



First Lieutenant  
June 01, 1996



Captain  
June 01, 1998



Major  
July 01, 2004



Lieutenant Colonel  
June 01, 2008



Colonel  
July 01, 2012



Brigadier General  
June 02, 2018



Major General  
September 02, 2020



Lieutenant General  
August 09, 2024



2023 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1994–January 1996, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. February 1996–March 1996, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. March 1996–October 1996, Student, F-15C Replacement Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. October 1996–June 1999, F-15C Instructor Pilot, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
5. July 1999–December 1999, Student, F-15C U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. January 2000–May 2002, Chief of Weapons, Flight Commander, 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
7. June 2002–November 2004, Assistant Operations Officer, Flight Commander, 433rd Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. December 2004–May 2005, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. June 2005–June 2006, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
10. July 2006–June 2007, Student, School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. July 2007–January 2008, Student, F-22A Qualification Training, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
12. February 2008–June 2009, Director of Operations, 43rd Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
13. July 2009–October 2009, Student, F-16 Qualification Training, Luke AFB, Ariz.
14. January 2010–January 2012, Commander/Leader, U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron “Thunderbirds,” Nellis AFB, Nev.
15. January 2012–June 2012, Student, Air University Lorenz Fellowship, Las Vegas, Nev.
16. July 2012–July 2013, Vice Commander, 451st Air Expeditionary Wing, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan
17. August 2013–June 2015, Special Assistant to the Director & U.S. Air Force Operational Liaison, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
18. June 2015–July 2017, Commander, 432nd Wing & 432nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Creech AFB, Nev.
19. July 2017–July 2019, Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan
20. July 2019–June 2020, Deputy Director for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii
21. July 2020–June 2021, Director, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
22. June 2021–August 2024, Commander, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
23. August 2024–Present, Commander, Alaskan NORAD Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command & Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 2013–June 2015, Special Assistant to the Director & U.S. Air Force Operational Liaison, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, as a colonel
2. July 2019–June 2020, Deputy Director for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, as a brigadier general
3. August 2024–Present, Commander, Alaskan Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command & Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, as a lieutenant general

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,400

Aircraft flown: F-15C/D, F-22A, F-16C/D, MC-12W, and MQ-9

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters  
Bronze Star Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1994  
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Brigadier General June 2, 2018  
Major General September 2, 2020  
Lieutenant General August 9, 2024

**(Current as of August 2024)**

