



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL GARY R. CHARLTON II

Brig Gen Gary R. Charlton II is the Assistant Adjutant General – Air for the New York Air National Guard, Department of Military and Naval Affairs, Latham, New York. As the Assistant Adjutant General he is responsible for the mission readiness and operation effectiveness across 6 distinctly different weapons systems, spanning 5 flying Wings and the Eastern Air Defense Sector. Brig Gen Charlton is responsible for more than 5,800 Airmen and civilians of the largest and most diverse Air National Guard within the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

General Charlton enlisted in the New York Air National Guard in May 1990 and served as a fuels systems technician. He graduated from Columbia College in 1995 earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. He then commissioned in 2000 and attended undergraduate pilot training in 2001. General Charlton completed initial F-16 qualification training in 2002 and served as an F-16C pilot flying with the 138th Fighter Squadron, Hancock Field, N.Y. He has held the positions of flight, detachment and squadron commander of the 138th Fighter Squadron; as well as 107th Operations Group commander.



A combat veteran, General Charlton served seven combat deployments, Operations DESERT SHIELD and STORM, and NORTHERN WATCH while enlisted, and four additional deployments flying F-16C combat missions in Operations IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM. He is a command pilot with over 3,400+ flying hours in the T-37, T-38A, T-38C, F-16C/D, MQ-1, MQ-9, and C-17A. Prior to his current assignment, he was the commander of the 107th Attack Wing, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Columbia College, Mo.
1999 Noncommissioned Officers Academy, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Tenn.
2000 Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala., by distance learning
2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by distance learning
2015 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by distance learning
2016 Commander Development Course, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2018 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
2018 Joint and Combined Warfighter School, Norfolk Naval Support Activity, Va.
2018 USAF Wing Commanders' Seminar, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 Wing Commander Executive Level Response Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 USAF Senior Leaders' Mission Generation Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 Senior Officer Legal Orientation Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2021 National Security Studies Program, Syracuse University, N.Y.
2023 General and Flag Officer Seminar, Homeland Security Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
2024 Georgetown University, Senior Leader—Managing for Inclusion-DEIA, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1990–June 2000, Fuels System Technician, New York Air National Guard, Hancock Field, N.Y

2. November 2000–March 2001, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB), Del Rio, Texas
3. March 2001–November 2002, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Moody AFB, Ga.
4. November 2002–December 2003, Student, Initial F-16 Qualification Training, Springfield Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Ohio
5. December 2003–January 2005, Chief of Scheduling & Training, 138th Fighter Squadron, Hancock Field, N.Y.
6. January 2005–May 2007, Mission Planning SME/Life Support Flight Commander, 138th Fighter Squadron, Hancock Field, N.Y.
7. June 2007–February 2009, Commander, 174th Forward Operating Location, Wheeler Sack Army Air Field, N.Y.
8. February 2009–November 2011, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 174th Operation Support Squadron, Hancock Field, N.Y.
9. November 2011–October 2012, Chief Standardization & Evaluations, 174th Operations Group, Hancock Field, N.Y.
10. October 2012–September 2014, Director of Operations, 138th Attack Squadron, Hancock Field, N.Y.
11. September 2014–May 2015, Commander, 138th Attack Squadron, Hancock Field, N.Y.
12. May 2015–May 2016, Commander, 107th Operations Group, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (ARS), N.Y.
13. May 2016–November 2018, Vice Wing Commander, 107th Attack Wing, Niagara Falls ARS, N.Y.
14. November 2018–March 2022, Commander, 107th Attack Wing, Niagara Falls ARS, N.Y.
15. March 2022–January 2024, Commander, 105th Airlift Wing, Stewart ANGB, Newburgh, N.Y.
16. January 2024–June 2024, Director of Operations, National Guard Bureau A3/10.
17. June 2024–Present, Assistant Adjunct General-Air, New York Air National Guard.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,400

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38A, T-38C, F-16C/D, MQ-1, MQ-9, C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with nine oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 30, 2000

First Lieutenant June 30, 2002

Captain June 30, 2004

Major Oct. 09, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel Feb. 20, 2013

Colonel Dec. 7, 2016

Brigadier General June 1, 2022

(Current as of 20 June 2024)