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Prénom, Nom:

Larry Dean Welch



Contact :

Catégorie : Exécutif

Dates de naissance / décès :

9 juin 1934

Lieu de naissance :

Guymon, Oklahoma

Genre : Male

Lieu de résidence (si DC avant l'accession à un poste retenu, avec si possible l'année de l'emménagement à DC):

Formation :

BA/BS	BA Business Administration, University Maryland, 1971 (67 ?)
MA/MS	MS International Relations, Washington University, DC, 1973
PhD	
Law degree (JD...)	
ROTC¹	
Autre	Armed Forces Staff college, 1967 National War college, 1972

Profession initiale :

¹ n'est pas une formation mais un programme pour entrer dans l'armée

Carrière :

1951 : Engagement ds USAF

1953 : Commd. 2d Lt., USAF,.

1958 : assignment to Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

1967 : completes the Armed Forces staff college ; assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., under the assistant chief of staff for studies and analysis

1972 : graduation from National War College ; assigned to Tactical Air Command, where he served in wing deputy commander for operations, vice commander and wing commander positions

1977 – 81 : insp. gen., dep. chief staff plans and ops., Hdqrs. Tactical Air Command,.

1981 – 85 : vice chief staff, Hdqrs. U.S. Air Force, Washington,.

1984 : service in, France and Vietnam,.

1984 : advanced through grades to gen., USAF,.

1985 – 86 : comdr.-in-chief, SAC,.

1986-1990 : chief of staff, USAF,

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Sources biblio/bio, articles, divers.

General (retired) **Larry D. Welch** (born June 9, 1934) was the 12th [Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force](#). As chief, he served as the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organization, training and equipage of a combined active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian force serving at locations in the [United States](#) and overseas. As a member of the [Joint Chiefs of Staff](#), he and the other service chiefs functioned as the principal military advisers to the [Secretary of Defense](#), [National Security Council](#) and the [President](#). He currently serves as the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapon Surety Task Force for the [Defense Science Board](#).

Early life and career

General Welch was born in [Guymon, Oklahoma](#), and graduated from [Liberal \(Kansas\) High School](#) in 1952. He received a [bachelor of arts](#) degree in [business administration](#) from the [University of Maryland, College Park](#) and a [master of science](#) degree in [international relations](#) from The [George Washington University, Washington, D.C.](#) The general completed [Armed Forces Staff College](#) at [Norfolk, Virginia](#), in 1967, and [National War College](#) at [Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.](#), in 1972. Welch is an [Eagle Scout](#) and recipient of the [Distinguished Eagle Scout Award](#).

He enlisted in the [Kansas National Guard](#) in October 1951, serving with the 161st Armored [Field Artillery](#) until he enlisted in the [United States Air Force](#). In November 1953, he entered the [aviation cadet program](#) and received his [pilot wings](#) and [commission](#) as a [Second Lieutenant](#). He served initially as a [flight instructor](#) until his assignment in July 1958, to Headquarters [Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas](#).

Later military career

General Welch then served in tactical [fighter](#) units in [Europe](#), the [continental United States](#) and [Alaska](#) before transferring to the [Republic of Vietnam](#) where he flew [combat missions](#) in [F-4C Phantom IIs](#) over [North](#) and [South Vietnam](#), and [Laos](#).

After completing the [Armed Forces Staff College](#) in July 1967, he was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., under the assistant [chief of staff](#) for studies and analysis. Upon graduation from the [National War College](#) in July 1972, he was assigned to [Tactical Air Command](#), where he served in [wing](#) deputy commander for operations, vice commander and wing commander positions.

In August 1977, he transferred to Headquarters Tactical Air Command where he served as [inspector general](#), deputy chief of staff for plans and deputy chief of staff for operations. In June 1981, he became commander of the [Ninth Air Force](#) and Air Force component commander for the [Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force](#). In November 1982, he was assigned as deputy chief of staff for programs and resources at Air Force headquarters and became vice chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force in July 1984. From August 1985 to June 1986, he served as commander in chief, [Strategic Air Command](#), and director, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, [Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska](#). He became [Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force](#) in July 1986. Welch is one of only two modern service [chiefs](#) to have risen from enlisted rank to his service's highest position, the other being Navy Admiral [Jeremy Michael Boorda](#).

Decorations

Retirement and further work

He was promoted to [General](#) August 1, 1984, with same date of rank and retired on July 1, 1990. In 1998 he spent several months on the [Rumsfeld Commission](#), which reported to [Congress](#) on the [ballistic missile](#) threat to the United States.

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