



# Biography

## United States Air Force

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### GENERAL LARRY D. WELCH

General Larry D. Welch is chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. As chief, he serves as the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organization, training and equipping of a combined active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian force of nearly 1 million people serving at approximately 3,000 locations in the United States and overseas. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he and the other service chiefs function as the principal military advisers to the secretary of defense, National Security Council and the president.

General Welch was born June 9, 1934, in Guymon, Okla., and graduated from Liberal (Kan.) High School in 1952. He received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of Maryland and a master of science degree in international relations from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. The general completed the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., in 1967 and the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., in 1972.



He enlisted in the Kansas National Guard in October 1951, serving with the 16th Armored Field Artillery until he enlisted in the U.S. 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.

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's 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 9th 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, Neb. He assumed his present duties in July 1986.

(Current as of February 1988)

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The general is a command pilot with more than 5,800 flying hours. His military decorations and awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters.

He was promoted to general Aug. 1, 1984, with same date of rank.

General Welch is married to the former Eunice Ellis of Liberal, Kan. They have three sons, Brian E., Stewart R. and Paul A., and one daughter, Leslie A.

## General, 'humanitarian' honored Kansans

Marianna Beach of Hays has been selected Kansan of the Year, and U.S. Air Force Gen. Larry D. Welch, Liberal, was named Distinguished Kansan by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

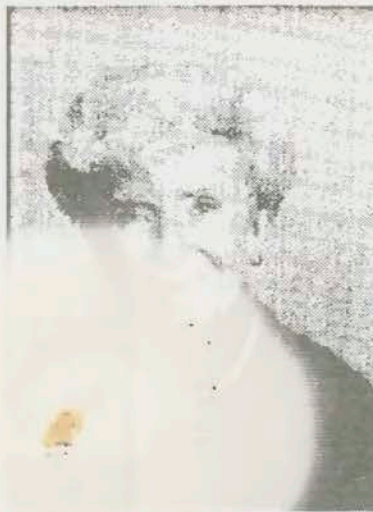
They will be honored at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 27 at Ramada Inn Downtown at the 71st annual dinner of the Native Sons and Daughters.

Beach is being honored for humanitarian work on community, state, national and international levels, especially on behalf of

Beach also is on committees dealing with rehabilitation and developmental issues in the state. She has been an officer of the Girl Scout Council, Kansas Chapter of the Olympics, Kansas Chapter of the National Committee on Child Abuse, Kansas Association for Mental Health, Kansas Advocacy and Protective Services, Kansas State Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation Services, and the Governor's Conference on Mental Retardation.

She also has been appointed twice to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

Beach has received the National Honor Medal of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Humanitarian Award of the American Overseas Organization, and distinguished service awards from the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and Sister Cities International. She has the Kansas State University Alumni Medallion Award and the Distinguished Service Award from



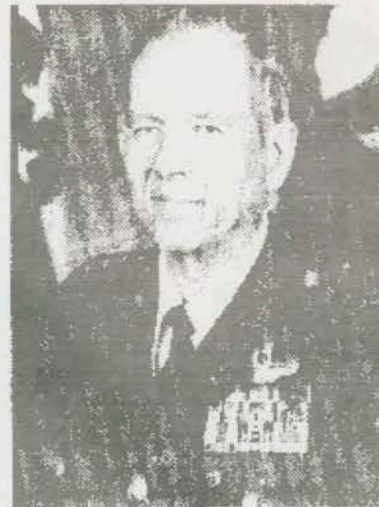
MARIANNA BEACH  
Kansan of the Year

Fort Hays State University.

She was born at Lincoln, was graduated from Kansas State University in 1941, and she and her husband, Ross Beach, have three daughters, Mary Metz, Terry Edwards and Jane Hipp, and eight grandchildren.

Welch is being honored for his military accomplishments. He is chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force.

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Distinguished Kansan

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He and his wife have three sons, Brian, Stewart, and Paul, and one daughter, Leslie.

Tickets to the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas dinner may be ordered by mail. Send a check for \$16.50 to P.O. Box 1031, Topeka 66601. Tickets may be picked up at Ramada Inn Downtown the night of the dinner.

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## PERSONAL FACT SHEET - GENERAL LARRY D. WELCH

### A. Personal Data

1. Born - June 9, 1934, Guymon, Okla.  
Father - Oliver Evan Welch; mother - Nina Katherine Welch.
2. Wife - Eunice Ellis Welch.  
Children - Brian E., Stewart R., Paul A. and Leslie A.

### B. Education

Graduated - University of Maryland, bachelor of arts degree, 1971; George Washington University, Washington, D.C., master of science degree, 1972; Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., 1967; and National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., 1972.

### C. Service

1. October 1951 - August 1953, enlisted, Kansas National Guard.
2. November 1953 - August 1955, student, pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., and later advanced pilot training, Craig Air Force Base, Ala.
3. August 1955 - July 1958, flight instructor, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.; Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas; and Craig Air Force Base, Ala.
4. July 1958 - July 1962, team member, Single-Engine Standardization and Evaluation Team, Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; also project officer, T-38 trainers.
5. July 1962 - September 1963, chief, Combat Operations Center, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, and later pilot, 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Chaumont Air Base, France.
6. September 1963 - March 1966, pilot, flight commander and operations officer, 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
7. March 1966 - October 1966, operations officer, 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Phan Rang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam.
8. October 1966 - February 1967, chief, Operations and Training Division, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Da Nang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam.
9. February 1967 - July 1967, student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
10. July 1967 - August 1971, director, air superiority studies, Fighter Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Studies and Analysis; later chief, Fighter Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Studies and Analysis, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. August 1971 - July 1972, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

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12. July 1972 - September 1974, deputy commander for operations, and later vice commander, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, George Air Force Base, Calif.
13. September 1974 - July 1975, special assistant to the commander, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
14. August 1975 - August 1977, commander, 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
15. August 1977 - October 1977, inspector general, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
16. October 1977 - March 1979, deputy chief of staff for plans, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
17. March 1979 - May 1981, deputy chief of staff for operations, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
18. June 1981 - November 1982, commander, 9th Air Force, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
19. November 1982 - July 1984, deputy chief of staff, programs and resources, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
20. July 1984 - August 1985, vice chief of staff, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
21. August 1985 - June 1986, commander in chief, Strategic Air Command, and director, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
22. July 1986 - present, chief of staff, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

D. Decorations and Service Awards

Defense Distinguished Service Medal  
Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters  
Good Conduct Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with one service star  
Vietnam Service Medal with two service stars  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon - short with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with seven oak leaf clusters  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon  
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm  
Order of National Security, Gugseon Medal (Republic of Korea)  
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal



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E. Effective Dates of Promotions

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Second Lieutenant	Apr 29, 1955
First Lieutenant	Oct 29, 1956
Captain	Jan 1, 1960
Major	Jul 15, 1964
Lieutenant Colonel	Nov 1, 1968
Colonel	Jun 1, 1971
Brigadier General	Jul 1, 1977
Major General	Sep 15, 1979
Lieutenant General	Jul 1, 1981
General	Aug 1, 1984

(Date of rank August 1, 1984)

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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

DISTINGUISHED KANSAN AWARD CEREMONIES

FRIENDS,

IT'S A PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO BE HERE WITH  
YOU TONIGHT -- TO SHARE IN THIS EVENING OF  
DISTINCTION FOR TWO OF OUR FINEST KANSANS --  
MARIANNA BEACH AND GENERAL LARRY D. WELCH.

I'VE KNOW MARIANNA FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.  
AND IF THERE IS ONE WORD I WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE  
HER, IT IS "GIVER."

MARIANNA HAS GIVEN OF HERSELF TO SO MANY  
WORTHWHILE CAUSES, BUT NONE MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN THOSE DEALING WITH CHILDREN.

WHETHER IT WAS AS THE A MEMBER OF THE  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHILD ABUSE OR THE  
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION, OR



AS AN OFFICER OF THE SUNFLOWER GIRL SCOUT  
COUNCIL, MARIANNA HAS RECOGNIZED THE TREASURE  
WE HAVE IN OUR CHILDREN, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY  
WE HAVE TO THEM -- NOT ONLY AS MOTHERS AND  
FATHERS -- BUT AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND  
CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.

MARIANNA HAS RECEIVED MANY AWARDS -- FROM  
THE D.A.R., THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS ORGANIZATION  
AND SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL. BUT I HAVE NO

DOUBT, THAT THIS VALIANT LADY FROM HAYS, WILL  
RANK HER DISTINGUISHED KANSAN AWARD AT THE TOP.  
AND WELL SHE SHOULD, BECAUSE IT INDICATES JUST  
HOW PROUD WE ALL ARE TO HAVE HER A NATIVE OF  
OUR STATE -- KANSAS.

WE ARE EQUALLY PROUD OF LARRY WELCH.

LARRY HAS COME A LONG WAY



-- FROM HIS FORMATIVE YEARS IN DODGE CITY AND  
MULLINVILLE AND GREENSBURG TO THE NATION'S  
CAPITAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

-- FROM BEING AN OUTSTANDING  
STUDENT-ATHLETE AT LIBERAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BEING  
A MEMBER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

FROM BEING A PRIVATE IN THE KANSAS NATIONAL  
GUARD TO BEING A FOUR-STAR GENERAL AND CHIEF OF  
STAFF OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE -- RESPONSIBLE FOR

THE ORGANIZATION, TRAINING AND EQUIPPING OF A  
COMBINED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN FORCE OF ONE  
MILLION PEOPLE.

BUT I KNOW THAT DESPITE THE DISTANCES  
TRAVELED, THE NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND THE  
AWESOME RESPONSIBILITIES, GENERAL WELCH REMAINS  
VERY CLOSE TO HIS KANSAS ROOTS.



AND I SUSPECT THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAS RECEIVED  
MANY AWARDS IN HIS CAREER -- MOST RECENTLY THE  
DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL -- THAT JUST  
LIKE MARIANNA, LARRY WILL TAKE SPECIAL PRIDE IN  
TONIGHT'S AWARD.