



GENERAL NORTON A. SCHWARTZ

Former Air Force Chief of Staff

General Schwartz joined Aurora's Board of Directors in 2014

General Norton A. Schwartz entered the Air Force Academy in 1969 and retired as the 19th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force (CSAF) in 2012 in a career spanning over 43 years. He began his service as a pilot with the airlift out of Vietnam in 1975, and was the first CSAF who piloted special operations transport planes and helicopters as a primary discipline. He helped lead a joint special operations task force during the Gulf War in 1991 and later served as the strategic planner for the Air Force, the second-in-command of the US Special Operations Command and the senior operations officer for the US armed forces.

General Schwartz made a number of innovations during his time as Chief, including shifting emphasis from traditional aircraft to remotely piloted vehicle missions, strengthening execution and oversight of nuclear deterrence activities and a range of still classified efforts.

General Schwartz was promoted to four-star General in 2005 and commanded U.S. Transportation Command from 2005 to 2008. In his capacity as Air Force Chief of Staff from 2008 to 2012, he was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that advised the Secretary of Defense, National Security Council and the President of the United States on national security issues.

General Schwartz graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973. He is an alumnus of the National War College, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a 1994 Fellow of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI.