



General Larry D. Welch

USAF Retired

Biography

Larry D. Welch earned a bachelor's of science in business administration from the University of Maryland, and a master's of science in international relations from George Washington University. In addition to his degree programs, Welch attended the Armed Forces Staff College, the Army Command and Staff College, the National War College, and the Harvard National Security Seminar.

Welch's professional experience includes serving as Senior Fellow at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), as well as former President and Chief Executive Officer of the IDA. IDA is a federally chartered research center providing operations and technical analyses, and management and information systems and development for the U.S. Department of Defense and other organizations in the national security community. Prior to his service with the IDA, Welch served for 37 years in operations, training, research, and management and planning in the U.S. Air Force, including positions from enlisted to senior uniformed officer.

During his service with the U.S. Air Force, Welch held senior command and staff positions, including Air Force Chief of Staff and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Commander, Strategic Air Command; Air Force Vice Chief of Staff; Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources, Headquarters, Air Force; Commander, 9th AF and United States Air Forces Central Command; Director of Operations, Tactical Air Command; and Commander, 1st Tactical Fighter Wing.

Welch's professional associations and activities include:

- Aerospace Education Foundation, Director
- Air Force Academy Foundation, Director
- Air Force Space Command Independent Strategic Assessment Group, Chairman
- Atlantic Council, Councilor
- Council on Foreign Relations, Member
- Defense Policy Board, Member
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Director's Review Committee, Member National
- Eagle Scout Association, Member
- Sandia National Laboratories Board of Directors, Member
- Sandia National Laboratories Nuclear Weapons External Advisory Board, Member U.S.
- Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group, Member
- U.S. Strategic Command Stockpile Assessment Team, Member