

***Secretaries of the Air Force***

- W. STUART SYMINGTON. U.S. Army, 1918. Surplus property administrator, 1945-1946. Assistant secretary of war for air, 1946-1947. First secretary of the Air Force, 18 September 1947-24 April 1950. Subsequently chairman of National Security Resources Board and U.S. senator.
- THOMAS K. FINLETTER. U.S. Army, 1917-1919. Special assistant to the secretary of state, 1941-1944. Consultant to the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Conference in 1945. Chairman of the president's Air Policy Commission, 1947-1948. Secretary of the Air Force, 24 April 1950-20 January 1953. U.S. Ambassador to NATO, 1961-1965.
- HAROLD E. TALBOTT. U.S. Army, 1918. Industrial executive, 1911-1942. Secretary of the Air Force, 4 February 1953-13 August 1955.
- DONALD A. QUARLES. U.S. Army in World War I. Assistant secretary of defense (research and development), 1953-1955. Secretary of the Air Force, 15 August 1955-30 April 1957, when he became deputy secretary of defense. [See *Deputy Secretaries of Defense*]
- JAMES H. DOUGLAS, JR. U.S. Army, 1918, and U.S. Army Air Forces, 1942-1945. Under secretary of the Air Force, 3 March 1953, until sworn in as secretary of the Air Force on 1 May 1957. Served until 11 December 1959, when he became deputy secretary of defense. [See *Deputy Secretaries of Defense*]
- DUDLEY C. SHARP. U.S. Navy, 1942-1945. Assistant secretary of the Air Force, 3 October 1955-31 January 1959. Under secretary of the Air Force, 3 August 1959-11 December 1959. Secretary of the Air Force, 11 December 1959-20 January 1961.
- EUGENE M. ZUCKERT. U.S. Navy, 1944-1946. Special assistant to the assistant secretary of war for air, 1946-1947. Assistant secretary of the Air Force, 1947-1952. Member of the Atomic Energy Commission, 1952-1954. Secretary of the Air Force, 24 January 1961-30 September 1965.
- HAROLD BROWN. Staff member, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, 1952-1960, president, 1960-1961. Director, defense research and engineering, 8 May 1961-1 October 1965. Secretary of the Air Force, 1 October 1965-15 February 1969. Subsequently secretary of defense. [See *Secretaries of Defense*]
- ROBERT C. SEAMANS, JR. With MIT, 1941-1955, and RCA, 1955-1958. Associate and deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1969. Secretary of the Air Force, 15 February 1969-14 May 1973. Subsequently president of the National Academy of Engineering.
- JOHN L. McLUCAS. U.S. Navy, 1943-1946. Deputy director of defense research and engineering, 1962-1964. Assistant secretary general for scientific affairs for NATO, 1964-1966. Under secretary of the Air Force, February 1969-July 1973. Secretary of the Air Force, 19 July 1973-12 November 1975, then became administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency.
- THOMAS C. REED. U.S. Air Force, 1956-1959. Director of telecommunications and command and control systems in OSD, 1974-1975. Secretary of the Air Force, 2 January 1976-6 April 1977.

- JOHN C. STETSON. U.S. Navy, 1945-1946. Secretary of the Air Force, 6 April 1977-18 May 1979. Subsequently chairman of the Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves.
- HANS M. MARK. Physicist at MIT, the Radiation Laboratory at Livermore, the University of California, and Stanford University. Director of the Ames Research Center, NASA, 1969-1977. Under secretary of the Air Force, 1977-1979. Secretary of the Air Force, 26 July 1979-9 February 1981. Subsequently deputy administrator of NASA. Director, defense research and engineering, 1 July 1998-10 March 2001.
- VERNE ORR. Director of the California Department of Finance, 1970-1975. Professor in the Graduate School of Public Administration at the University of California, 1975-1980. Secretary of the Air Force, 9 February 1981-30 November 1985.
- RUSSELL A. ROURKE. *Administrative assistant on Capitol Hill, 1960-1974 and 1977-1981. Deputy to the presidential counselor, 1974-1976. Special assistant to the president (legislative affairs), 1976-1977. Assistant secretary of defense (legislative affairs), 1981-1985. Secretary of the Air Force, 8 December 1985-7 April 1986.*
- EDWARD C. ALDRIDGE, JR. Deputy assistant secretary of defense for strategic programs, 1974-1976. Director, planning and evaluation, 1976-1977. Under secretary of the Air Force, 1981-1986. Acting secretary of the Air Force, 8 April 1986-9 June 1986. Secretary of the Air Force, 9 June 1986-15 December 1988.
- DONALD B. RICE. U.S. Army, 1965-1967. Assistant director of the Office of Management and Budget, 1970-1972. President and CEO of Rand Corporation, 1972-1989. Member of the Defense Science Board, 1977-1983. Secretary of the Air Force, 22 May 1989-20 January 1993.
- SHEILA E. WIDNALL. Taught aerospace and astronautics studies at MIT; chairman of the faculty, 1970-1981, and associate provost in 1992. Secretary of the Air Force, 6 August 1993-31 October 1997.
- F. WHITTEN PETERS. *Graduate of the Naval Officers Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, and served in the U.S. Navy, 1969-1972. Practiced law in Washington, 1978-1995. Principal deputy general counsel, OSD, 1995-1997. Under secretary of the Air Force, 1997-1999. Acting secretary of the Air Force, 1 November 1997-1 August 1999. Secretary of the Air Force, 2 August 1999-20 January 2001.*
- JAMES G. ROCHE. Naval officer, 1960-1983. Executive, Northrop Grumman Corporation, 1984-2001. Secretary of the Air Force, 1 June 2001-