

**GENERAL CHARLES F. WALD**  
**Deputy Commander**  
**U.S. European Command**

*- Condensed Biographical Statement -*

General Charles F. “Chuck” Wald is deputy commander, Headquarters U.S. European Command (EUCOM), Stuttgart, Germany. He assumed the position on 3 December 2002.

EUCOM’s area of responsibility (AOR) covers more than 21 million square miles and includes ninety-three countries and territories. This territory extends from the North Cape of Norway, through the waters of the Baltic and Mediterranean seas, most of Europe, parts of the Middle East, to the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa. Within the continent of Africa, this AOR encompasses forty-three countries.\*

General Wald earned his commission through the Air Force ROTC program in 1971. He has served as an O-2A forward air controller in Vietnam, a T-37 instructor pilot, and an F-15 flight commander. His other duties include assistant squadron operations officer, operations officer, chief of the U.S. Air Force Combat Terrorism Center, assistant executive officer for the Air Force chief of staff, director of operations, support group commander, operations group commander, executive officer to the director of operations, and U.S. senior national representative, Headquarters Allied Air Forces Central Europe.



General Wald commanded the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base, Italy, and served as special assistant to the chief of staff for National Defense Review. He was the director of strategic planning and policy at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and served on the Joint Staff as the vice director for Strategic Plans and Policy. Before assuming his current position, the general commanded 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. General Wald is a command pilot with more than 3,200 flying hours, including more than 450 combat hours over Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Iraq, and Bosnia.

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\* Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde Islands, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DROC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Western Sahara, Zambia, Zimbabwe