

Maj. Gen. Raymund E. O'Mara, U.S. Air Force

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Maj. Gen. Raymund E. O'Mara earned a BS from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1963 and an MS from the State University of New York in 1974. He completed the Royal Air Force Staff College, Bracknell, England, in 1976; the Air War College in 1979; and the Executive Development Program, University of Michigan, in 1986.

Major General O'Mara began his active duty service in 1963. After flight training, he served four years with the 346th and 348th Bomb Squadrons at Westover Air Force Base (AFB) in Massachusetts. Follow-on assignments included aide-de-camp to the commander, 376th Strategic Wing, Strategic Air Command, Kadena Air Base, Japan and aircraft commander and instructor pilot with the 528th and 529th Bomb Squadrons, 4007th Combat Crew Training Squadron, Strategic Air Command, Plattsburgh AFB, New York. He served on the Royal Air Force operations staff on an exchange program at High Wycombe, England, and then commanded the 528th Bomb Squadron and served with the 380th Bomb Wing, Strategic Air Command in Plattsburgh. In the early 1980s he served in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and then returned as commander of the 380th Bombardment Wing. After another staff position at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, he commanded the 40th Air Division, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan, and the 57th Air Division, headquartered at Minot AFB, North Dakota. His next assignment came as deputy chief of staff for strategic plans, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, and deputy director for force employment plans, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff (JSTP) at Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He then served as deputy commander in chief and chief of staff, U.S. Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

As director of the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA), Major General O'Mara moved forward with the implementation of the Global Geospatial Information System (GGIS). He initiated the reinventing of DMA to bring the organization structure in line with the concept of direct linkage to the warfighters. He retired on December 1, 1994.

Major General O'Mara accumulated 3,673 flying hours and flew more than 170 combat missions in Southeast Asia. His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with silver oak leaf cluster and two bronze oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and two bronze oak leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, Vietnam Service Medal with silver service star and bronze service star, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.