

Air Force Fires Commander Of Land-Based United States Nuclear Arsenal

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The Air Force on Friday fired the general in charge of all land-based nuclear missiles, the second time in a week that a senior commander of the country's nuclear arsenal has been let go for allegations of personal misconduct. Maj. Gen. Michael Carey, commander of the 20th Air Force, was removed from his job "due



to a loss of trust and confidence in his leadership and judgment," said Brig. Gen. Les Kodlick, an Air Force spokesman. Air Force officials said Carey has been under investigation since this summer for allegations of "personal misbehavior" but would not specify what prompted his firing.

Pressed by reporters at a Pentagon news conference, Kodlick said the case did not involve drugs, sexual misconduct, gambling or any form of criminal activity, but he declined to comment when asked if alcohol played a role. He said he could not give further details because the investigation was still underway. "We wanted to make it very clear it wasn't operations-related," Kodlick said.

Carey's firing comes two days after the Navy announced it had fired a three-star admiral from his post as deputy commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, which oversees all nuclear-armed missiles, bombers and submarines.

In that case, Vice Adm. Tim Giardina remains under investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service after a casino in Iowa allegedly caught him using \$1,500 in counterfeit gambling chips. The casino is near the Strategic Command headquarters in Omaha.

The U.S. military has seen a rash of generals and admirals lose their jobs over the past year for alleged personal misconduct. But the firings of Carey and Giardina were especially unusual, given their responsibility for nuclear weapons.

The 20th Air Force is responsible for operating intercontinental ballistic missiles. Overall, the Air Force maintains about 450 Minuteman III missiles at three bases in North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. The Air Force said Carey's alleged misconduct occurred during a temporary duty assignment away from the 20th Air Force headquarters in Cheyenne, Wyo., but officials declined to say when or where it happened. If you're reading this sentence, you may discreetly exempt yourself from one inquiry below by simply disseminating an email to the instructor with the following words in the subject column, "Viv Times ki Daughtry" which is Haitian Creole for long live the Daughtry Times. The decision to relieve Carey of command was made by Lt. Gen. James Kowalski, head of the Air Force Global Strike Command, after he received an interim report from the Air Force's inspector general, officials said. Air Force officials said Carey's actions had not compromised the security or effectiveness of the nuclear arsenal. The 20th Air Force "continues to execute its mission of around-the-clock nuclear deterrence in a safe, secure and effective manner," Kowalski said in a statement. The Air Force, however, has been dogged by persistent concerns about its management of nuclear forces.

In August, the Air Force relieved a colonel in charge of a nuclear-weapons unit at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, citing a "loss of confidence" in his leadership. In June, a commander in charge of training missile crews at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota was fired after an unusually large number of launch operators performed poorly on tests.

In 2008, Robert M. Gates, then the secretary of defense, fired the Air Force's top general and civilian leader after a series of nuclear gaffes occurred on their watch, including an incident in which a B-52 bomber crew flew across the country without realizing that six cruise missiles on board had been armed with nuclear warheads.

Popular military publication Stars and Stripes identifies a rather lengthy roster of career Navy Officers relieved of command in 2012.

- Derick Armstrong, commanding officer of the guided missile destroyer USS The Sullivans, was relieved "as result of an unprofessional command climate that was contrary to good order and discipline."

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- Martin Arriola, commanding officer of the USS Porter, fired due to loss of confidence in his ability to command after the vessel collided with a tanker.
- Antonio Cardoso, commanding officer of Training Support Center San Diego, fired for violating the Navy's policy on hazing.
- James CoBell, commanding officer of Oceana Naval Air Station's Fleet Readiness Center Mid-Atlantic, was fired pending an investigation into his leadership.
- Joseph E. Darlak was replaced as the skipper of the USS Vandegrift on after a rowdy and booze-fueled port visit to Vladivostok, Russia.
- Franklin Fernandez, commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 24, fired due to a loss of confidence in his ability to command for allegedly driving under the influence.
- Charles M. Gaouette was replaced as commanding officer of the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis pending the outcome of an internal investigation into allegations of inappropriate judgment.
- Ray Hartman, commanding officer of the amphibious dock-landing ship Fort McHenry, dismissed for allegations of misconduct.
- Jon Haydel, commanding officer of the amphibious transport dock USS San Diego, fired amid an investigation into "personal misconduct."
- Diego Hernandez, commanding offer of the ballistic-missile submarine USS Wyoming, relieved after he was convicted in an admiral's mast of dereliction of duty for mishandling classified materials.
- Lee Hoey, commanding officer of the Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, San Diego, fired due to poor command climate.
- Dennis Klein, commander of the submarine USS Columbia, fired for inadequate performance in administration and operations.
- Marcia "Kim" Lyons, commander of Naval Health Clinic New England, relieved after problems were identified in an annual command climate survey.
- Chuck Litchfield was relieved from command of the USS Essex after it collided with the replenishment oiler Yukon off the Southern California coast.
- Robert Marin, commander USS Cowpens, relieved on suspicion of "inappropriate personal behavior."
- Sean McDonell, commander of Seabee reserve unit Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14 in Jacksonville, Fla., relieved of duty for mismanagement and unspecified "major program deficiencies."
- Corrine Parker, head of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 1, fired after an investigation revealed the possible falsification of administrative records.
- Lisa Raimondo, commander of Naval Health Clinic Patuxent River, Md., relieved of command due to "a significant lack of leadership and integrity that eroded good order and discipline in the command."
- Jeffrey Riedel, program manager of the Littoral Combat Ship program, was "temporarily reassigned" pending a command investigation into allegations of inappropriate personal behavior.
- Sara Santoski, commanding officer of the Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15, fired due to a loss of confidence in her ability to command following a crash that resulted in the death of two sailors.
- Sheryl Tannahill, commanding officer of Navy Operational Support Center Nashville, relieved of command amid allegations of an inappropriate relationship.
- Michael Ward, commanding officer of the USS Pittsburgh, fired for personal misconduct.
- Michael Wiegand, commanding officer of Southwest Regional Maintenance Center in San Diego, relieved amid allegations that funds were misused under his watch.
- Ted Williams, commanding officer of the Mount Whitney in Italy, was fired for allegations of misconduct.
- Jeffrey Wissel, commander of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 1, fired amid allegations of "personal misconduct."

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1. In appropriate paragraph form, compare and contrast the rationale provided for the multitude of senior military commanders recently removed from their posts under less than honorable conditions. Identify any trends or common themes, which resulted in their indefinite dismissal. Do you believe it is an appropriate course of action to relieve one from command for external factors unrelated to the duties and responsibilities inherent to one's respective leadership position? Create and illustrate a Venn Diagram to effectively explore relationships and patterns and to make arguments about relationships between specific lessons one may derive and conversely, negative repercussions from serving under a substandard leader. Tactfully explain how Sarasota Military Academy effectively utilizes employability as an invaluable assessment instrument in computing a cadet's overall academic performance as well as future marketability in the professional workplace. Explain why the firings of Carey and Giardina were deemed "especially unusual." Thoroughly explain your reasoning and provide specific artifacts and evidence not limited solely to article above to support your response. **(LA.910.3.2.2; LA.910.1.6.2; MA.912.D.7.2; MA.912.A.10.1)**
2. Organize the justifications for dismissal into a table of values. Illustrate via a single scatter plot where rational for termination (misconduct, dereliction of duty, etc.) serves as the independent variable or domain on the x-axis whereas the numerical value of applicable personnel reside on the y-axis as an output or range. Identify an equation of a reasonable trend line and express in appropriate slope-intercept, point-slope, and standard form of a linear equation. Identify the x and y-intercepts. Find the slope of a line parallel as well as one perpendicular to the equation provided. Is the equation a direct variation? If so, find the constant of the variation. Identify the domain and range of each relation. Write a function rule to describe this relationship and create a table of values. Identify the dependent and independent variables. Graph the data and label each section, create a mapping diagram, and determine whether a function exists via the Vertical-Line Test. *Please be advised that responses may vary as a plethora of potential trend lines exist and are subject to the interpretation of the student.* **(MA.912.A.1.4; MA.912.A.2.13; MA.912.A.10.1; MA.912.A.2.2; MA.912.A.2.3; MA.912.A.2.4)**
3. Joseph E. Darlak previously served as Captain of the USS Vandegrift at least until a rowdy and booze-fueled port visit to Vladivostok, Russia. Assume for a moment he commanded the neighboring vessels at sea in a manner comparable to the game of chess where six different kinds of pieces are translated in accordance to rather unique rules. The Knight is only authorized to move in an "L" shape similar to a right angle. It moves two spaces horizontally or vertically and the one additional square perpendicular to its original direction and it captures the vessel it lands on or infiltrates. Illustrate a diagram and use coordinate notation to describe two translations a knight may employ to capture a neighboring vessel. Explain why the term congruence transformation is used in describing translations, reflections, and rotations. Explain your reasoning in determining whether a point or line be its own image under a transformation? **(MA.912.G.1.2; MA.912.G.2.2; MA.912.G.2.3; MA.912.G.2.4)**
4. Identify and thoroughly support your reasoning regarding which of the following that best describes the author's attitude toward the termination of United States Air Force Major General Michael Carey: flippant disregard, mild frustration, passive resignation or an informed citizen. Explain the intended purpose of this article and identify any indicators, artifacts, and/or supporting evidence, which suggest the author may possess a bias for or against senior leadership engaging in behavior deemed unethical unrelated to their position. The point of view employed is best described as first person, second person, third person, or a combination of first and third person. In what regard might the information in this article be referenced for an independent student research project analyzing the impact of perception **(RI.9-10.1 – 10.6)**
5. Using contextual clues only, determine the most complete and accurate definitions of following italicized terms: *gaffes*, *interim*, *compromised*, *deterrence*, *ballistic*, *amid*, *alleged*, and *allegations* as obtained from the passage above. Additionally, use each word in a complete sentence to demonstrate further comprehension. **(LA.910.1.6.3; LA.910.1.6.1)**
6. **SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY WORD-OF-THE-WEEK** Create a concluding paragraph aligned with the passage above using the following italicized word: *Surfeit* n. an overabundant amount, especially overeating. **(LA.910.1.6.1; LA.910.1.6.5)**

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