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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



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## BRIGADIER GENERAL SUZANNE M. "ZAN" VAUTRINOT

**Selected for reassignment as Deputy Commander, Joint Functional Component Command - Network Warfare, U.S. Strategic Command, Fort George G. Meade, Md.**

Brig. Gen. Suzanne M. "Zan" Vautrinot is Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. She is responsible for accessing qualified men and women to meet the personnel procurement requirements of today's and tomorrow's highly technological Air Force. Air Force Recruiting Service is responsible for nearly 3,200 people in more than 1,100 recruiting offices across the United States and overseas.



General Vautrinot entered the Air Force after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1982. Her experience in space systems acquisition and operation includes national reconnaissance satellites, the Satellite Control Network, advanced space surveillance, satellite command and control, and theater missile warning. She has served as Chief of Operations for 14th Air Force and Director of the Aerospace Operations Center at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. Her commands include a space warning squadron, space operations group and a space wing. The general has held staff assignments at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Headquarters Air Force Space Command and the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### EDUCATION

1982 Bachelor of Science degree, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
1986 Distinguished graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1989 Master of Science degree, University of Southern California, Los Angeles  
1992 Air Command and Staff College, with honors, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1996 Joint and Combined Staff Officer School, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.  
1998 Air War College, by correspondence  
2000 National Security Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1982 - January 1984, Chief, Operations Analysis Branch, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Special Projects, Los Angeles, Calif.
2. January 1984 - October 1986, Chief, Requirements Branch, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Special Projects, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. January 1987 - July 1989, Program Manager, Command, Control and Communications Systems, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, West Germany
4. July 1989 - July 1990, space systems requirements officer, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
5. July 1990 - May 1992, Manager, Advanced Space Systems Surveillance Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
6. May 1992 - June 1993, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

7. June 1993 - May 1995, operations officer, 4th Space Operations Squadron, Falcon AFB, Colo.
8. May 1995 - March 1996, joint requirements planner, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. March 1996 - June 1996, student, Joint and Combined Staff Officer School, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
10. June 1996 - December 1996, joint warfighting capabilities analyst, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. December 1996 - November 1997, deputy executive assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. December 1997 - July 1999, Commander, 11th Space Warning Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
13. August 1999 - June 2000, National Security Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
14. June 2000 - July 2002, Chief of Operations, 14th Air Force; Commander, 614th Space Operations Group; and Director of Aerospace Operations Center, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
15. July 2002 - June 2003, Deputy Director of Air and Space Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
16. June 2003 - April 2005, Commander, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.
17. April 2005 - July 2006, Deputy Director of Strategic Security, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. July 2006 - present, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

Women in Aerospace Award  
2007 Aerospace Citation of Honor, Air Force Association  
2007 Listed in 'Women Worth Watching' Issue, Profiles in Diversity Journal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1982  
First Lieutenant June 2, 1984  
Captain June 2, 1986  
Major May 1, 1993  
Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 1, 1997  
Colonel April 1, 2000  
Brigadier General Sept. 2, 2006

(Current as of May 2008)