



Biography

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MAJOR GENERAL PATRICK J. MARCKESANO

Major General Patrick J. Marckesano is mobilization assistant to the deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

General Marckesano was born Feb. 1, 1931, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy from 1950 through 1952 and Brooklyn College in 1953. He received a master's degree in public administration from the Consortium of California State Universities in 1978. He also attended Squadron Officer School in 1962, Air Command and Staff College in 1968, and the Staff Officers Orientation Course, Air War College, in 1973.

He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve submarine program as a seaman recruit in February 1949. He joined the 102nd Tactical Air Command bomber unit of the New York Air National Guard in July 1954 and immediately received a direct commission as a second lieutenant. He then entered pilot training through the New York Air National Guard and received his wings in December 1955. In 1955 and 1956, he attended advanced pilot training in A-26 bombers. From March 1960 to 1964, General Marckesano served as an air technician flying training officer in the 140th Aeromedical Transportation Squadron, Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He then transferred to the 194th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, California Air National Guard, at Fresno Air National Guard Base, Calif., where he flew F-86L's, F-102s and F-106s.

Continuing his assignments at Fresno Air National Guard Base, General Marckesano became operations officer for the 144th Fighter-Interceptor Group in July 1969, operations staff officer for the 194th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron in July 1971, director of operations for the 144th Fighter-Interceptor Group in October 1973, and group commander of the 144th in October 1974. He was appointed air commander of the 144th Fighter-Interceptor Wing in July 1976.

The general began his active Reserve participation in December 1977 when he became mobilization assistant to the director of operations, Headquarters Air Defense Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. In 1979 he was assigned as mobilization assistant to the 26th North American Aerospace Defense Command, Aerospace Defense Command Region, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. General Marckesano returned to Peterson Air Force Base in August 1980 as Tactical Air Command's deputy commander for air defense. He assumed his present duties in December 1982.

General Marckesano has accumulated more than 20,000 flying hours, with approximately 13,000 in jet aircraft and 7,000 in multi-engine transports. His military decorations and awards include the Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary

