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FILE - Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., pauses while speaking about U.S. defense strategy at the Brookings Institution in Washington, Monday, Feb. 13, 2023. President Joe Biden is expected to nominate a history-making Air Force fighter pilot general with years of experience in shaping U.S. defenses to meet China's rise to serve as the nation's next top military officer, according to two people familiar with the decision. If confirmed by the Senate, Air Force Gen. C.Q. Brown Jr. would replace the current chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Mark Milley, whose term ends in October.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., in Washington, DC., on Feb. 13, 2023.

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U.S. Air Force via AP file

In this image provided by the U.S. Air Force, Lt. Col. C.Q. Brown, Jr. deployed as an F-16 squadron commander in support of Operation Southern Watch in 2001, walks on the flight line. Brown also deployed or directly supported Operation Northern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Odyssey Dawn and Operation Unified Protector, and Operation Inherent Resolve. President Joe Biden is expected to announce Air Force Gen. C.Q. Brown Jr.,a history-making fighter pilot with recent experience countering China in the Pacific, to serve as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Lt. Col. C.Q. Brown, Jr. walks on the flight line while deployed as an F-16 squadron commander in support of Operation Southern Watch in 2001.

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In this image provided by the U.S. Air Force, Lt. Col. CQ Brown, Jr., pilots an F-16 Fighting Falcon in support of Operation Southern Watch, Iraq, in the early 2000s. Brown is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, including 130 combat hours. President Joe Biden is expected to announce Air Force Gen. C.Q. Brown Jr., a history-making fighter pilot with recent experience countering China in the Pacific, to serve as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. If confirmed by the Senate, Brown would replace the current chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Mark Milley, whose term ends in October.

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