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COLONEL CHRISTOPHER D. OGREN

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Col. Christopher D. Ogren is the Commander, 477th Fighter Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He oversees Alaska's only Air Force Reserve unit, responsible for a combat-ready force of more than 300 Airmen under the Total Force Integration concept of Air Force Reserve Command's first F-22 associate unit.

Colonel Ogren was commissioned in 1990 through the U.S. Air Force Academy where he earned academic honors. He has served on the Air Staff as a total force programmer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs and on the Joint Staff. Colonel Ogren has also served as section commander, F-16 instructor, evaluator, flight commander and Director of Operations for both the Reserve and Active components in a Total Force Wing.

Colonel Ogren joined the Air Force Reserve in 2000. He is a command pilot with more than and has logged more than 3,300 flying hours in the F-16 and F-22 as a veteran of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM I & II, and ENDURING FREEDOM. He is a native of Tucson, Ariz.

EDUCATION

1990 Bachelor of Science degree, Operations Research, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1997 Squadron Officer, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2003 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2012 Air War College, by correspondence

2014 Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 1990 - Oct 1991, student, undergraduate pilot training, Reese AFB, Lubbock, Texas
2. Nov 1991 - Dec 1994, banked pilot, Adjutant, Section Commander, Stan/Eval AO, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah
3. Jan 1995 - Jun 1995, student pilot, F-16 FTU, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. Jul 1995 - Dec 1997, Chief of Safety, 34th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
5. Dec 1997 - Dec 1998, Chief of Stan/Eval, Instructor, 8th Fighter Wing DV Mission Briefer, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, Korea
6. Jan 1999 - May 2000, Flight Commander, Evaluator, 522nd Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
7. Jun 2000 - Jul 2007, Air Reserve Technician, 466th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
8. Jul 2007 - Sep 2010, Air Reserve Technician, Assistant Director of Operations, 466th Fighter Squadron and Senior Assistant Director of Operations, 421st Fighter Squadron (TFI) Hill AFB, Utah
9. Sep 2010 - Sep 2012, F-16 & F-22 Programmer, Combat Forces Division, Directorate of Programs, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs and liaison officer for Reserve fighter/bomber programs, Directorate of AF Reserve Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
10. Sep 2012 - Mar 2014, Operations Branch Chief, Deputy Directorate of Integration, Directorate for Joint Force Development (J-7), The Joint Staff, Washington D.C.
11. Mar 2014 - Apr 2015, Strategy and Planning Branch Chief, Director's Action Group, Directorate for Joint Force Development (J-7), The Joint Staff, Washington D.C.
12. Apr 2015 - Jul 2016, Deputy Commander, 477th Fighter Group, JBER, Alaska
13. Jul 2016 - Present, Commander, 477th Fighter Group, JBER, Alaska

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 2012 - Mar 2014, Operations Branch Chief, Deputy Directorate of Integration, Directorate for Joint Force Development (J-7), The Joint Staff, Washington D.C.
2. Mar 2014 - Apr 2014, Strategy and Planning Branch Chief, Director's Action Group, Directorate for Joint Force Development (J-7), The Joint Staff, Washington D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,300, 405 Combat

Aircraft Flown: F-16, F-22

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal with five oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star
Iraq Campaign Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant - May 30, 1990
First Lieutenant - May 30, 1992
Captain - May 30, 1994
Major - May 10, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel - Aug 15, 2007
Colonel - Apr 21, 2015
(Current as of September 2016)

COLONEL DAVID PIFFARERIO



David Piffarerio is the Command Center Director at Joint Headquarters NORAD/NORTHCOM. Prior to his present assignment, he served as President, National War College Class of 2017, Ft McNair, Washington D.C.

Col. Piffarerio served 13 years in the active duty Air Force in a variety of F-15E and F-22 assignments. After being selected as initial cadre to test the F-22 during follow-on evaluations, he served as F-22 test director at Nellis AFB. In Alaska, he held numerous jobs to include 90th Weapons

Officer, 3WG Chief Weapons and Tactics, 90th FS Director of Operations, 302FS Commander and 477FG Commander. He has flown combat missions in support of Operations NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH and NOBLE EAGLE. He is the first pilot in the world to reach 1000 flight hours in the F-22 Raptor and is currently the most experienced F-22 pilot in the USAF.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 3,000+

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-15E, F-22A

EDUCATION:

1994 Bachelor of Science, Biology, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala

2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2005 Masters of Business Administration, Touro University

2011 Air War College, by correspondence

2012 Naval War and Strategy Course, Naval War College, Newport Rhode Island

2013 Reserve Component National Security Course, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.

2017 Master of Science National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Dec 94 - Mar 96: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training & AT-38 lead, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. Apr 96 - Dec 96: Student, F-15E Conversion Training, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
3. Jan 97 - Jul 00: F-15E Mission CC and Instructor Pilot, 336th FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
4. Jul 00 - Dec 00: Student, F-15E Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. Jan 01 - Jul 03: Weapons Officer, 90th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
6. Jul 03 - Aug 07: F-22 Operational Test Pilot, 422nd Test and Eval Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. Aug 07 - Aug 08: Assistant Director of Operations, 302nd FS, JBER, Alaska
8. Sep 08 - Aug-09: 3WG Chief Weapons and Tactics, 3rd OSS, JBER, Alaska
9. Aug 09 - Sep 10: Director of Operations, 90th FS, JBER Alaska
10. Oct 10 - Jan 13: Commander, 302nd FS, JBER, Alaska
11. Jan13 - Mar 15: Deputy Commander 477th Fighter Group, JBER, Alaska
12. Mar 15 - July16: Commander, 477th Fighter Group, JBER, Alaska
13. July 16 - June 17: Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C
14. July 17 - present: Command Center Director, NORAD/NORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, CO.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Reserve Forces Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terror Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1994

First Lieutenant June 1, 1996

Captain June 1, 1998

Major July 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2008

Colonel Feb 24, 2013

(Current as of September 2017)

BRIGADIER GENERAL TYLER D. OTTEN

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Brig. Gen. Tyler D. Otten is the Mobilization Assistant to the Eleventh Air Force Commander at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

General Otten commissioned through the U.S. Air Force Academy and entered active duty in 1988. He has served in a variety of flying units, and commanded F-16 and F-22 flying units. He has significant Total Force Enterprise experience having served in the first fighter Total Force Integration efforts at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and in the F-22 Total Force Integration at JB Elmendorf-Richardson. His flying career includes operations throughout the U.S., Western Pacific region, Australia, Southeast and Southwest Asia.

He has more than 270 hours of combat flying time in operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, and Iraqi Freedom. In his civilian job, he is an airline pilot with a major U.S. carrier.

EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Science, Human Factors Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1993 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2006 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2010 Air War College, by correspondence

2014 Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Liberty University

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1988 - October 1989, Student Pilot, Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. December 1989 - March 1990, Lead In Fighter Training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. April 1990-October 1990, student F-16 RTU, 62nd TFS, MacDill AFB, Fla.
4. November 1990 - November 1996, Instructor/Evaluator pilot 13th/14th Fighter Squadrons, Misawa Air Base, Japan
5. December 1996 - December 1997, Instructor Pilot, 78th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
6. December 1997 - February 2002, Instructor/Evaluator pilot 466th FS, Hill AFB, Utah
7. February 2002 - March 2005, 466th FS, Assistant Operations Officer, Hill AFB, Utah
8. March 2005 - January 2008, 419th FW, Flight Safety Officer, Hill AFB, Utah
9. January 2008 - March 2011, 419th Operations Support Flight Commander, Hill AFB, Utah
10. March 2011 - January 2012, 466th FS Commander, Hill AFB, Utah
11. January - November 2012, 477th Fighter Group Deputy Commander, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
12. November 2012 - March 2015, 477th Fighter Group Commander, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
13. March 2015 - Present, Mobilization Assistant to the 11th Air Force Commander, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot Flight Hours: 3,618

Combat hours: 271

Aircraft Flown: F-16, F-22, T-37, T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three leaf clusters Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1988

First Lieutenant June 1, 1990

Captain June 1, 1992

Major Oct. 1, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 17, 2006

Colonel Feb. 17, 2012

Brigadier General July 31, 2016

(Current as of June 2017)

BRIGADIER GENERAL BRYAN P. RADLIFF

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Brig. Gen. Bryan P. Radliff is the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, 12th Air Force, Air Combat Command, and Commander, Air Forces Southern, U.S. Southern Command, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. Twelfth Air Force ensures the readiness of seven active duty wings and one direct reporting unit for contingency operations, and oversees 15 gained Air Reserve Component units totaling more than 360 aircraft and 20,300 Airmen. As the air and space component to U.S. Southern Command, Air Forces Southern conducts security cooperation and provides air, space and cyberspace capabilities throughout the 31 nations of Latin America and the Caribbean.

General Radliff entered the Air Force in 1989 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He has served as a T-38 and F-15C instructor pilot and flight examiner and as a mission ready pilot in the F-22 and F-16. He has commanded a detachment, fighter group, and a fighter wing, and is a Joint Qualified Officer. He served in the regular Air Force and in the Air National Guard before joining the Air Force Reserve in 2003.

Prior to his current assignment, General Radliff was the Vice Commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. He was responsible to assist the 10th Air Force Commander in leading a staff of 64 personnel and ensuring combat mission readiness for 22 units consisting of over 150 aircraft, 13 different major weapon systems and 17,000 Citizen Airmen. In his civilian job, he is an airline pilot with a major U.S. carrier.

EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Science, Justice Administration, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2007 Air War College, by correspondence

2008 Joint and Combined Warfighter School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk Naval Station, Va.

2009 Master of Aeronautical Science, Aerospace and Aviation Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

2014 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1990 - March 1991, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas.
2. March 1991 - July 1996, T-38 Evaluator and Instructor Pilot, 54th Flying Training Squadron, Reese AFB, Texas.
3. July 1996 - March 1997, Student, F-15C Formal Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. March 1997 - January 2000, Flight Commander, 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
5. January - July 2000, Assistant Director of Operations, 60th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
6. July 2000 - October 2003, F-15C Instructor Pilot, Florida Air National Guard, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
7. October 2003 - April 2008, Commander, Detachment 4, 307th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
8. April 2008 - October 2010, Strategic Planner and Reserve Advisor, Office of the Assistants to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard and Reserve Matters, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. October 2010 - April 2011, Commander, 44th Fighter Group, Holloman AFB, N.M.
10. April 2011 - November 2012, Commander, 477th Fighter Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
11. November 2012 - November 2015, Commander, 419th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah
12. November 2015 – November 2016, Vice Commander, 10th Air Force, NAS Fort Worth JRB, Texas
13. November 2016 – present, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, 12th Air Force, Air Combat Command, and Commander, Air Forces Southern, U.S. Southern Command, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2008–October 2010, Strategic Planner and Reserve Advisor, Office of the Assistants to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard and Reserve Matters, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel.
2. November 2016 - present, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Air Forces Southern, U.S. Southern Command, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,500

Aircraft flown: T-38, F-15C, F-16, F-22

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Oct. 8, 1989

First Lieutenant Oct. 8, 1991

Captain Oct. 8, 1993

Major Nov. 20, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 18, 2005

Colonel Oct. 1, 2010

Brigadier General March 1, 2017

(Current as of March 2017)

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN M. HILLYER

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Brig. Gen. John M. Hillyer is the Mobilization Assistant to the Director for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. He serves as a joint/combined military operations advisor to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command. He assists with all aspects of military deployments, operations, training, exercises, and multi-national programs throughout the USPACOM theater, and plans/executes full spectrum joint operations during crisis and contingency.

General Hillyer is a 1988 honors graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in military history. He has served in a wide variety of assignments within Pacific Air Forces, Air Combat Command, Air Education and Training Command, and the Air National Guard, joining the Air Force Reserve in 1999.

General Hillyer has flown air sovereignty alert missions in support of Operation Noble Eagle and combat missions in support of operations Southern Watch, Southern Focus, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Science degree in Military History, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1994 Joint Firepower Control Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

1995 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence

1995 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

2004 Joint Air & Space Operations Center Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2006 Air War College, by correspondence

2012 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

2013 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

2014 National and International Security Leadership Seminar, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1988 - June 1989, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. July 1989 - September 1989, Student, Lead-in Fighter Training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. October 1989 - June 1990, Student, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. June 1990 - June 1994, F-16 Weapons and Tactics Officer, Mission Commander, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 14th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan
5. June 1994 - May 1996, Flight Commander, Aviation Brigade Air Liaison Officer, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, Wheeler AAF, Hawaii
6. May 1996 - September 1997, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Training, 195th Fighter Squadron, Tucson ANG Base, Ariz.
7. September 1997 - April 1999, F-15 Pilot, 154th Operations Group; Chief of Alaska and continental U.S. Exercise Branch, Headquarters PACAF Operational Plans, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
8. April 1999 - May 2001, Chief of Munitions Branch, Headquarters PACAF Weapons and Tactics, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
9. May 2001 - September 2003, F-16 Mission Commander, 466th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
10. September 2003 - April 2007, Chief of Strategy Division and Commander, Detachment 1, 701st Combat Operations Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Deputy Chief, 5th Generation Fighter Branch, Headquarters PACAF Operational Requirements, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
11. April 2007 - April 2011, F-22 Pilot, Deputy Commander, then Commander, 477th Fighter Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
12. April 2011 - October 2012, IMA to the Director, Programs and Requirements, Office of the Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. October 2012 - October 2013, Political-Military Affairs Strategist, Partnership Strategy, Joint Staff J5, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. October 2013 - December 2014, Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Air and Cyberspace Operations, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
15. December 2014 - December 2015, Mobilization Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
16. December 2015 - present, Mobilization Assistant to the Director for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2012 - October 2013, Political-Military Affairs Strategist, Partnership Strategy, Joint Staff J5, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
2. December 2015 - present, Mobilization Assistant to the Director for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,300

Aircraft flown: F-15, F-16, F-22

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1988

First Lieutenant June 1, 1990

Captain June 1, 1992

Major Oct. 1, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 18, 2005

Colonel Feb. 2, 2010

Brigadier General March 26, 2015

(Current as of January 2016)

MAJOR GENERAL ERIC S. OVERTURF

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Major General Eric S. Overturf is the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. The command organizes, trains, equips and maintains combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while ensuring strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime defense. ACC operates more than 1,300 aircraft, 34 wings, 19 bases and more than 70 operating locations worldwide with 94,000 active-duty and civilian personnel. When mobilized, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve contribute more than 700 aircraft and 49,000 people to ACC. As the Combat Air Forces lead agent, ACC develops strategy, doctrine, concepts, tactics, and procedures for air and space power employment. The command provides conventional and information warfare forces to all unified commands to ensure air, space and information superiority for warfighters and national decision-makers. ACC can also be called upon to assist national agencies with intelligence, surveillance and crisis response capabilities.

Gen. Overturf is a 1984 honors graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He served 14 years in the regular Air Force as an F-16 pilot in U.S. Air Forces Europe, Pacific Air Forces, and Air Combat Command as an instructor at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 1998 and has served in a variety of staff and flying assignments, including operational test pilot, deputy AOC director, and fighter wing commander. He was the Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. before assuming his current position in 2015.

Gen. Overturf is a command pilot with more than 4,500 hours of fighter time in the A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-22A Raptor

and the F-16 Fighting Falcon, including combat missions in support of Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, and Operation Enduring Freedom.

EDUCATION

1984 Bachelor of Science degree in operations research, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

1988 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence

1990 F-16 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.

1994 Master of Aeronautical Science degree, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

1996 Air Command and Staff College, by seminar

2003 Air War College, by correspondence

2005 Joint Air and Space Operations Senior Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

2013 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1984 - July 1985, student, undergraduate pilot training, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2. August 1985 - November 1985, student, lead in fighter training, Holloman AFB, N.M.

3. December 1985 - June 1986, F-16 replacement training unit, MacDill AFB, Fla.

4. July 1986 – March 1991, F-16 mission commander and weapons officer, 512th and 526th Tactical Fighter Squadrons, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

5. April 1991 - April 1992, F-16 weapons officer, 36th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Osan Air Base, South Korea

6. May 1992 - April 1995, assistant operations officer, USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

7. May 1995 - May 1998, 53rd Wing advisor and data link program manager, Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Command Test Center, Tucson Air National Guard Base, Ariz.

8. June 1998 - April 2002, flight commander, 301st Fighter Wing, Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas

9. May 2002 - May 2005, director of operations, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Test Center, Tucson Air National Guard Base, Ariz.

9. June 2005 - March 2007, reserve advisor to Pacific Air Forces and deputy director of the Pacific Air and Space Operations Center, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

10. April 2007 - April 2009, commander, 477th Fighter Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

11. April 2009 - October 2009, commander, 506th Air Expeditionary Group, Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq

12. October 2009 – December 2010, commander, 477th Fighter Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

13. December 2010 – April 2013, commander, 442nd Fighter Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

14. April 2013 – February 2015, Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

15. February 2015 – present, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight time: more than 4,500 military hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, A-10C, F-22A, and F-16A/B/C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Distinguished graduate, undergraduate pilot training

Outstanding graduate, lead in fighter training

Outstanding graduate, U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School

Instructor Pilot of the Year, U.S. Air Force Weapons School

Air Force Reserve Command's Marchbanks Award for Outstanding Performance in Aerial Flight

PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1984

First Lieutenant May 30, 1986

Captain May 30, 1988

Major April 1, 1996

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 13, 2001

Colonel June 15, 2005

Brigadier General Feb. 17, 2012

Major General May 29, 2016

(Current as of June 2016)

GENERAL BENJAMIN OLIVER DAVIS JR.

Retired February 01,1970 Died July 04,2002

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Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was born in Washington, D.C., in 1912. He graduated from Central High School in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1929, attended Western Reserve University at Cleveland and later the University of Chicago. He entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in July 1932 and graduated in June 1936 with a commission as a second lieutenant of infantry.

In June 1937 after a year as commander of an infantry company at Fort Benning, Ga., he entered the Infantry School there and a year later graduated and assumed duties as professor of military science at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. In May 1941 he entered Advanced Flying School at nearby Tuskegee Army Air Base and received his pilot wings in March 1942.

General Davis transferred to the Army Air Corps in May 1942. As commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron at Tuskegee Army Air Base, he moved with his unit to North Africa in April 1943 and later to Sicily. He returned to the United States in October 1943, assumed command of the 332nd Fighter Group at Selfridge Field, Mich., and returned with the group to Italy two months later.

He returned to the United States in June 1945 to command the 477th Composite Group at Godman Field, Ky., and later assumed command of the Field. In March 1946 he went to Lockbourne Army Air Base, Ohio, as commander of the base and in July 1947 became commander of the 332nd Fighter Wing there.

In 1949 General Davis went to the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; and after graduation, he was

assigned to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He served in various capacities with the headquarters until July 1953, when he went to the advanced jet fighter gunnery school at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

In November 1953 he assumed duties as commander of the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, Far East Air Forces, Korea. He served as director of operations and training at Far East Air Forces Headquarters, Tokyo, from 1954 until 1955, when he assumed the position of vice commander, Thirteenth Air Force, with additional duty as commander, Air Task Force 13 (Provisional), Taipei, Formosa.

In April 1957 General Davis arrived at Ramstein, Germany, as chief of staff, Twelfth Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe. When the Twelfth Air Force was transferred to Waco, Texas in December 1957, he assumed new duties as deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany.

In July 1961 he returned to the United States and Headquarters U.S. Air Force where he served as the director of manpower and organization, Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Requirements; and in February 1965 was assigned as assistant deputy chief of staff, programs and requirements. He remained in that position until his assignment as chief of staff for the United Nations Command and U.S. Forces in Korea in April 1965. He assumed command of the Thirteenth Air Force at Clark Air Base in the Republic of the Philippines in August 1967.

General Davis was assigned as deputy commander in chief, U.S. Strike Command, with headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., in August 1968, with additional duty as commander in chief, Middle-East, Southern Asia and Africa.

His military decorations include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Philippine Legion of Honor. He was a command pilot.

On Dec. 9, 1998, Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was advanced to general. President Clinton pinned on his four-star insignia.

Effective dates of promotion:

Second Lieutenant June 12, 1936

First Lieutenant June 19, 1939

Captain Oct. 9, 1940 (temporary); June 12, 1946 (permanent)

Major May 13, 1942 (temporary);

Lieutenant Colonel May 29, 1942 (temporary); July 2, 1948 (permanent)

Colonel May 29, 1944 (temporary); July 27, 1950 (permanent)

Brigadier General Oct. 27, 1954 (temporary); May 16, 1960 (permanent)

Major General June 30, 1959 (temporary); Jan. 30, 1962 (permanent)

Lieutenant General April 30, 1965

General Dec. 9, 1998 (advanced)

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