



BIOGRAPHY

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BRIGADIER GENERAL WALTER T. HATCHER, II

Brigadier General Walter T. Hatcher, III is the mobilization assistant to the director of operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The directorate is responsible for policies and procedures for worldwide air operations and transportation functions assigned to Air Mobility Command, to include cargo and passenger movement and air refueling operations, Civil Reserve Air Fleet, command and control, and training and standardization programs.



The general entered the Air Force in 1967, earning his commission through Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He served tours in Vietnam, where he flew more than 150 missions with 850 hours in the C-7A Caribou, and flew missions in Japan, Korea, Thailand and Iceland while assigned to the 552nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., flying the EC-121 aircraft. The general has commanded a group and two wings. From January through July 1991, he was mobilized for active duty to support the airlift requirements of Operation Desert Storm, serving in Southwest Asia as deputy wing commander of both the 1660th and 1675th Tactical Airlift Wings (Provisional). He is a command pilot with more than 5,600 flying hours. He retired from civil service in September 1998. Prior to assuming his present duties, General Hatcher served as the special assistant to the commander, 22nd Air Force.

EDUCATION:

- 1966 Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry, Eastern Kentucky University
- 1982 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1991 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. March 1967 - May 1967, student, Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. June 1967 - June 1968, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
3. November 1968 - November 1969, pilot, 459th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Phu Cat Air Base, South Vietnam
4. November 1969 - June 1972, pilot, 963rd Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron, and 552nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.
5. June 1972, separated from active duty and entered Air Force Reserve

6. October 1972 - June 1973, squadron pilot, 700th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga
7. July 1973 - August 1981, entered the Air Reserve Technician Program, Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga., serving in training, standardization evaluation, operations officer positions, and assistant wing director of operations.
8. August 1981 - June 1982, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
9. August 1982 - September 1986, assistant Wing Director of Operations and Wing Director of Operations, 94th Tactical Airlift Wing, Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga.
10. October 1986 - July 1992, commander, 907th Tactical Airlift Group, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, Ohio
11. August 1992 - June 1996, commander, 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
12. June 1996 - September 1998, commander, 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.
13. September 1998 - April 1999, special assistant to the 22nd Air Force commander, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.
14. April 1999 - present, mobilization assistant to the director of operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 5,600

Aircraft Flown: C-7A Caribou, C-130A/B/E/H, EC-121C/D/T, T-37 and T-38

Pilot Wings: Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with four service stars

Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry cross with Palm

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal

AFFILIATIONS:

Life Member, Air Force Association

Life Member, Reserve Officer's Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 27, 1967
First Lieutenant	Nov 27, 1968
Captain	May 27, 1970
Major	May 10, 1977
Lieutenant Colonel	Jun 14, 1982
Colonel	Aug 1, 1985
Brigadier General	Apr 3, 1995

(Current as of October 1999)