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BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL DANIEL L. WATKINS

Colonel Daniel L. Watkins is the mobilization assistant to the director of operations and training, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. This directorate consists of more than 500 military and civilian members in eight divisions and three field operating agencies responsible for every aspect of Air Force current operations and operations training.



The colonel attended North Carolina State University. In 1970 he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and received his commission through the University's Reserve Officer Training Corps. Graduating from undergraduate pilot training in 1971, he has served as pilot, aircraft commander, and instructor/flight examiner in T-29 and C130B/E aircraft. His duties have included flight commander, group tactics officer, chief/current operations, vice airlift group commander, logistics group commander, and military chief, National Air Traffic Services Cell. Operational missions included supporting non-combatant evacuation operations from Saigon, April 1975, and humanitarian airlift operations in Bosnia, 1994.

In his civilian capacity, Colonel Watkins is a U.S. airline captain.

EDUCATION:

1970	Bachelor of Arts, North Carolina State University, Raleigh
1976	Squadron Officer School, in residence
1993	Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
1995	Air War College, by correspondence
2000	Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, North Carolina State University

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1970 – August 1971, student pilot, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. October 1971 – January 1972, instructor pilot training, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
3. May 1972 – February 1974, T-29 pilot, 455th Flying Training Squadron, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
4. February 1974 – April 1974, C130E Aircrew Training Course, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

5. May 1974 – April 1977, C130E aircraft commander, 345th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, and Yokota Air Base, Japan
6. April 1977 – November 1977, C130E aircraft commander, 39th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
7. October 1978 – October 1982, C130E aircraft commander, 303rd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
8. October 1982 – September 1987, C130B instructor, flight commander, 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
9. September 1987 – January 1988, C130E aircraft commander, 327th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility, Pa.
10. January 1988 – July 1990, C130B/E instructor/flight examiner, 135th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, Martin State Airport, Md.
11. July 1990 – December 1992, group tactics officer, 135th Tactical Airlift Group, Maryland Air National Guard, Martin State Airport, Md.
12. December 1992 – December 1994, chief, current operations, 135th Tactical Airlift Group, Maryland Air National Guard, Martin State Airport, Md.
13. December 1994 – August 1996, vice commander, 135th Airlift Group, Maryland Air National Guard, Martin State Airport, Md.
14. August 1996 – August 1997, commander, 175th Wing Logistics Group, Maryland Air National Guard
15. August 1997 – December 1999, Military Chief, National Air Traffic Services Cell, Air Force Associate Director of Civil Aviation, Herndon, Va.
16. December 1999 to present, mobilization assistant to the director of operations and training, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot
 Flight Hours: Military 5400 T-38, T-29, C130B/E
 Civilian 11400 CV-580, B-727, B737

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
 Legion of Merit
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Armed Forces Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Jun 3, 1970
First Lieutenant	Feb 25, 1972
Captain	Apr 25, 1974
Major	May 30, 1984
Lieutenant Colonel	May 30, 1991
Colonel	Apr 23, 1995

(Current as of June 2000)