



# BIOGRAPHY

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## COLONEL DARREL D. WHITCOMB

Colonel Darrel D. Whitcomb is the mobilization assistant the commander of the Air Force Doctrine Center and acts as the principal advisor on reserve matters.

The colonel was born in Santa Ana, California. He earned his commission from the Air Force Academy in 1969. He served three tours as a cargo pilot and forward air controller in Southeast Asia. As an Air Force reservist, he has served in assignments at the squadron and wing level. Additionally, he has had staff assignments on the Air Staff and Joint Staff. Prior to assuming his position at the Doctrine Center, he served in the Office of the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and at the Air Command and Staff College. He is employed as an international captain with Delta Airlines.



### EDUCATION:

- 1969 Bachelor of science in european studies, U.S. Air Force Academy
- 1975 Squadron Officers School in residence
- 1980 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence
- 1986 Army Command and General Staff College (Reserve Component) in residence
- 1990-1991 National War College in residence

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1969 - August 1970, undergraduate pilot training, Laredo Air Force Base, Texas
2. November 1970 - November 1971, pilot/instructor, C-7 Tactical Transport, Phu Cat AB, Republic of Vietnam.
3. February 1972 - April 1974, forward air controller/instructor/tactics officer, 23rd Tactical Air Squadron, Nakhom Phanom Air Base Thailand and Det 1 (Ravens) 56th Special Operations Wing, Udorn Air Base, Thailand
4. April 1974 - December 1975, instructor pilot, T-38, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
5. December 1975 - April 1977, maintenance officer, F-4, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
6. May 1978 - June 1983, A-37/A-10 pilot, 706th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La.
7. June 1983 - July 1986, A-10 pilot/ flight commander, 303rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.

8. August - December 1986, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan
9. January 1987 - September 1989, A-10 pilot/wing training officer, 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
10. October 1989 - August 1990, category B individual mobilization augmentee to the Tactical Forces Division, deputy chief of staff for plans and operations, Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D.C.
11. August 1990 - June 1991, student, National War College, Washington, D.C.
12. June 1991 - February 1992, category B individual mobilization augmentee to the Combat Forces Division, deputy chief of staff for plans and operations, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C.
13. February 1992 - February 1994, category A individual mobilization augmentee to the Mobilization Division/J-4, Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Pentagon.
14. March 1994 - April 1995, category B individual mobilization augmentee to the Deputy to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C.
15. May 1995 - March 1998, category B individual mobilization augmentee to the commandant of the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
16. April 1998 - present, mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Doctrine Center, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command

Flight hours: More than 4,000

Aircraft flown: A-10, A-37, OV-10, O-1, C-7, T-38

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with fifteen oak leaf clusters

Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Multiple Campaign Ribbons

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Jun 4, 1969
First Lieutenant	Dec 4, 1970
Captain	Jun 4, 1972
Major	Jun 4, 1983
Lieutenant Colonel	Jun 16, 1989
Colonel	Jul 1, 1993

(Current as of August 1998)