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# BIOGRAPHY

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## MAJOR GENERAL FRANK D. WATSON

Major General Frank D. Watson is mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. The general serves as the senior reserve officer for the command and supports the commander in directing satellite control, warning, space launch and ballistic missile operational missions through a worldwide network of support facilities and bases.

A distinguished military graduate of Texas A&M, General Watson was commissioned as a regular officer through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program and entered active duty in June 1966. He has served duty in various capacities as both a space operations officer, space systems staff officer, base commander and in contracting and acquisitions. He wears the Master Space Operations Badge. Duty assignments have been at the squadron, wing, and headquarters levels as well as joint duty assignments with NORAD. As an additional duty, he has been actively involved as an Air Force Academy and AFROTC admissions liaison officer serving as group commander and currently as senior area advisor.



General Watson earned his aeronautical rating as a free fall military parachutist in August 1994. He remains current with over 400 jumps and 230 minutes of free fall time to his credit.

In his civilian capacity, General Watson is an executive level business consultant, lecturer and author with expertise in organizational effectiveness, executive development and strategy formulation.

### EDUCATION:

- 1966 Bachelor of science degree in physics, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- 1976 Master of science degree in systems management, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley
- 1977 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1979 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, by correspondence
- 1981 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1994 Doctorate in business administration, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla;  
Dissertation: "Key Success Factors in Business Unit Performance"

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1966 - December 1967, space systems operations analyst, Space Defense Center, Cheyenne

Mountain Complex, Colo.

2. January 1968 - December 1970, space system operations officer (SOI), 1151st Special Activities Squadron (NORAD), Ent Air Force Base, Colo.
3. January 1971 - January 1972, space systems operations officer, research, development and quality control, 1st Aerospace Control Squadron, Ent Air Force Base, Colo.
4. January 1972 - September 1976, space systems staff officer, spacetrack sensors division, Headquarters 14th Air Force, Ent Air Force Base, Colo.
5. September 1976 - August 1980, orbital analyst and space systems staff officer, Headquarters Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), Ent Air Force Base, Colo.
6. August 1980 - July 1981, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
7. August 1981 - June 1982, individual mobilization augmentee to chief, space operations requirements division, Aerospace Defense Center (NORAD), Colorado Springs, Colo.
8. June 1982 - February 1984, individual mobilization augmentee to director, space systems, Headquarters Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
9. February 1984 - September 1985, individual mobilization augmentee to base Commander, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
10. September 1985 - July 1990, mobilization assistant to director, contracting and manufacturing policy, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. July 1990 - July 1995, mobilization assistant to deputy assistant secretary for management policy and program integration, office of the assistant secretary for acquisition, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. July 1995 - present, mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

### **MILITARY RATINGS INFORMATION:**

Rating: Free fall military parachutist (current)  
Jumps: Over 400

### **MISSILE/SPACE INFORMATION:**

Badges: Master Space Operations Badge

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

Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal

### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Outstanding Mobilization Augmentee for Aerospace Defense Command, 1980  
Outstanding Mobilization Augmentee for the Air Force, 1981  
Outstanding Mobilization Augmentee for Space Command, 1985

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	May 28, 1966
First Lieutenant	Nov 28, 1967
Captain	May 28, 1969
Major	Apr 30, 1975
Lieutenant Colonel	Oct 10, 1979
Colonel	May 1, 1984
Brigadier General	Sep 23, 1990
Major General	Feb 9, 1994

(Current as of June 1999)