



UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

BIOGRAPHY

Office of Public Affairs, Scott Air Force Base

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Gen. Darren W. McDew

Gen. Darren W. McDew is the commander of U.S. Transportation Command, one of nine Unified Commands under the Department of Defense. USTRANSCOM is a global combatant command with functional responsibilities for air, land, and sea transportation for the Department of Defense, ultimately delivering national objectives on behalf of the President and Secretary of Defense.

General McDew was commissioned in 1982 following his graduation from Virginia Military Institute. He began his flying career at Loring Air Force Base, Maine. His staff assignments include serving as a member of the Air Force Chief of Staff Operations Group, Air Force aide to the president, and chief of the U.S. Air Force Senate Liaison Division and the director of public affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, both in Washington, D.C. As part of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, General McDew also served as vice director for strategic plans and policy. He has served as the commander of 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, and has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels as well as at an Air Force direct reporting unit. He has deployed in support of ongoing operations in Central and Southwest Asia as an air expeditionary group commander and later as the director of mobility forces. Prior to his current assignment, General McDew was the commander of Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base.



ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1982 – October 1983, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz
2. March 1984 – June 1989, standardization and evaluation copilot, Aircraft commander, instructor pilot and flight commander, 42nd Air Refueling Squadron, Loring Air Force Base, Maine
3. July 1989 – June 1992, combat crew training school examiner and instructor pilot, assistant deputy wing inspector and wing executive officer, 93rd Bomb Wing, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
4. July 1992 – April 1994, rated force planner, Directorate of Personnel Plans; member, Air Force Chief of Staff Operations Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
5. April 1994 – June 1996, Air Force aide to the President, White House, Washington, D.C.
6. October 1996 - June 1997, assistant operations officer, 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
7. June 1997 – June 1999, commander, 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
8. August 1999 – July 2000, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow, Sun Microsystems Inc., Palo Alto, California
9. July 2000 - January 2002, commander, 62nd Operations Group, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
(September 2001 – December 2001, commander, 60th Air Expeditionary Group, Southwest Asia)
10. January 2002 – July 2003, commander, 375th Airlift Wing, and Installation commander, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
11. July 2003 – January 2005, chief, U.S. Air Force Senate Liaison Division, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

12. January 2005 – July 2006, commander, 43rd Airlift Wing, and installation commander, Pope Air Force Base, N.C. (January 2006 - May 2006, Director of Mobility Forces, Southwest Asia)
13. July 2006 – November 2007, vice commander, 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
14. November 2007 – February 2009, director of public affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. February 2009 – December 2010, vice director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. December 2010 – August 2012, commander, Air Force District of Washington, Andrews AFB, Maryland
17. August 2012 – April 2014, commander, 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
18. May 2014 – August 2015, commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
19. August 2015 – Present, commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1994 – June 1996, Air Force aide to the President, White House, Washington, D.C., as a major
2. February 2009 – December 2010, vice director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,300

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-38A, KC-135A/R, C-17A, C-141B, C-9, C-21, C-130E/H, and UH-1N

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with nine oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with three oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 15, 1982
First Lieutenant	May 15, 1984
Captain	July 13, 1986
Major	March 1, 1994
Lieutenant Colonel	January 1, 1997
Colonel	April 1, 2000
Brigadier General	Sept. 2, 2006
Major General	Dec. 9, 2008
Lieutenant General	Aug. 6, 2012
General	May 5, 2014

(Current as of March 2017)