



**Lieutenant General John L. Dolan
Director for Operations, J-3**

Lt Gen John L. Dolan is the Director for Operations (DJ-3), Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. He assists the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in fulfilling his responsibilities as the principal military advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense. The general develops and provides strategic guidance to the combatant commands and relays communications between the President and the Secretary of Defense to the combatant commanders regarding current operations and plans.

General Dolan received his commission in 1986 through the University of Northern Colorado's ROTC program. He has held various squadron, wing, and headquarters level positions in multiple overseas and deployed assignments. He instructed and commanded at the U.S. Air Force F-16 Weapons School, deployed as the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing vice commander, Joint Base Balad, Iraq, commanded the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, and commanded the 451st Air Expeditionary Wing and Kandahar Airfield (NATO), Kandahar, Afghanistan. Additionally, he served on the Joint Staff for warfighter requirements, as the U.S. Air Force's Deputy Director of the Legislative Liaison, and as the Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command. In his last duty assignment, the general served as the Commander, U.S. Forces Japan, and Commander, 5th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Yokota Air Base, Japan and was the senior U.S. military representative in Japan.

General Dolan is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, including more than 200 combat missions during Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Northern Watch.

EDUCATION

1986 Bachelors of Science Degree in Chemistry, University of Northern Colorado, Colo.

1993 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1996 Masters of Aeronautical Science and Technology, Embry Riddle University, Fla.

2001 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2006 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2014 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2016 Leadership at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1986 - August 1987, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas.
2. September 1987 - January 1988, Student, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, MacDill AFB, Fla.
3. February 1988 - December 1992, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, Assistant Chief of Standards and Evaluation, Misawa AB, Japan.
4. January 1993 - June 1993, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. July 1993 - June 1996, F-16 Weapons Officer and Flight Commander, Spangdahlem AB, Germany.
6. July 1996 - June 1999, F-16 U.S. Air Force Weapons School Instructor, Flight Commander, Chief of Wing Scheduling, Assistant Operations Officer, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. July 1999 - June 2000, Chief of Safety, Inspector General, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea.
8. July 2000 - June 2001, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2001 - June 2002, Chief, F-22 Avionics and System Effectiveness, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
10. July 2002 - June 2005, Special Assistant to the Commandant, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Commander, 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. August 2005 - June 2006, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2006 - March 2007, Lead, Fixed Wing Applications, Force Applications, J-8, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. March 2007 - July 2008, Chief, Force Applications Engagement Division, J-8, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2008 - July 2009, Vice Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Joint Base Balad, Iraq.
15. July 2009 - May 2010, Chief, Senate Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. May 2010 - May 2011, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea.
17. May 2011 - October 2012, Deputy Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. November 2012 - November 2013, Commander, 451st Air Expeditionary Wing and Kandahar Airfield (NATO), Kandahar, Afghanistan.
19. January 2013 - May 2014, Assistant Deputy Commander, U.S. Air Forces Central Command and Assistant Vice Commander, 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force, Shaw AFB, S.C.
20. May 2014 - May 2015, Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.
21. June 2015 - August 2016, Commander, United States Forces Japan and Commander, 5th Air Force, Yokota AB, Japan.
22. August 2016 - present, Director for Operations (J-3), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2006 - March 2007, Lead, Fixed Wing Applications, Force Applications, J-8, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
2. March 2007 - July 2008, Chief, Force Applications Engagement Division, J-8, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

3. November 2012 - November 2013, Commander, Kandahar Airfield (NATO), Kandahar, Afghanistan.
4. May 2014 - May 2015, Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.
5. June 2015 - August 2016, Commander, United States Forces Japan, Yokota AB, Japan.
6. August 2016 - present, Director for Operations (J-3), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4000 hours with 200+ combat missions

Aircraft flown: F-16A/B/C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with silver and bronze oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star

Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars

NATO Non-Article Five Medal (ISAF)

Korean Defense Service Medal

General Emblem of Honor (Romania)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 14, 1986

First Lieutenant August 9, 1988

Captain August 9, 1990

Major May 1, 1998

Lieutenant Colonel November 1, 2002

Colonel September 1, 2007

Brigadier General May 2, 2012

Major General March 2, 2015

Lieutenant General June 5, 2015

(Current as of January 2017)