



BIOGRAPHY



United States Air Force

BRIGADIER GENERAL JON T. THOMAS

Brigadier General Jon T. Thomas is the Director of Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He is responsible for force structure planning, programming, doctrine, and requirements for the nation's airlift and air refueling force.

General Thomas graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1989. He commanded operational flying units at the squadron, group, and wing levels, and is a command pilot with over 3,970 hours in eleven different aircraft. Prior to his current position, General Thomas served as Commander, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

EDUCATION

1989 Distinguished graduate, Bachelor of Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Co.

1991 Master of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

1995 Distinguished graduate, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2000 Air Command and Staff College

2006 Graduate with highest academic distinction, Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2010 Executive Leadership Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia

2010 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.

2014 Capstone Joint Flag Officer Development Program, Washington, D.C.



ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1989 – June 1991, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

2. July 1991 – August 1992, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas

3. September 1992 – October 1994, KC-10 Pilot, 344th Air Refueling Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

4. November 1994 – June 1998, KC-10 Evaluator Pilot and Wing Executive Officer, 9th Air Refueling Squadron and 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.

5. July 1998 – April 2000, Branch Chief, Program Integration Division, Directorate of Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

6. May 2000 – July 2002, Aide de Camp to the Commander, U.S. Transportation Command and Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

7. August 2002 – July 2005, Operations Officer, 7th Airlift Squadron; Commander, 8th Airlift Squadron; and Deputy Commander, 62nd Operations Group, McChord AFB, Wash.

8. August 2005 – June 2006, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

9. July 2006 – July 2007, Deputy Commander, 603rd Air and Space Operations Center, Ramstein AB, Germany

10. July 2007 – July 2009, Commander, 86th Operations Group, Ramstein AB, Germany

11. July 2009 – June 2011, Commander, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB, Okla.

12. July 2011– Jan 2012, Chief, Global Mobility Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force

13. January 2012 – July 2013, Chief, Program Integration Division, Headquarters United States Air Force

14. August 2013 - June 2015, Deputy Director for Future Joint Force Development, Joint Staff/J7, Suffolk, Va.

15. June 2015 – present, Commander, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2000 – July 2002, Aide de Camp to the Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill., as a major and lieutenant colonel
2. August 2013 – June 2015, Deputy Director for Future Joint Force Development, Joint Staff/J7, Suffolk, Va., as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: over 3,970

Aircraft flown: KC-10A, T-38A, C-17A, C-130E/J, C-20H, C-21A, C-37A, C-40B, T-38C, KC-135R

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1989

First Lieutenant May 31, 1991

Captain May 31, 1993

Major Jul. 1, 1999

Lieutenant Colonel Mar.1, 2002

Colonel Jan. 1, 2007

Brigadier General Aug. 2, 2013

(Current as of August 2016)