



# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAVID J. BUCK

Lt. Gen. David J. Buck is Commander, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Air Force Space Command; and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

As the U.S. Air Force's operational space component to USSTRATCOM, General Buck leads more than 19,500 personnel responsible for providing missile warning, space superiority, space situational awareness, satellite operations, space launch and range operations. As Commander, JFCC SPACE, he directs all assigned and attached USSTRATCOM space forces providing tailored, responsive, local and global space effects in support of national, USSTRATCOM and combatant commander objectives.



General Buck received his commission in 1986 as a distinguished graduate of Officer Training School. His career spans a wide variety of command, operations, test and evaluation, and staff assignments. He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. His operational experience includes missile operations, space launch and range operations, satellite command and control, space force enhancement, and space control. General Buck served on The Joint Staff as principal military advisor to The Chairman of The Joint Chiefs of Staff for Coalition Management. In 2010, he deployed to Southwest Asia as the Director of Space Forces for U.S. Air Forces Central. Prior to assuming his current position, General Buck was the Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command.

### EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, Kansas Newman University, Wichita, Kan.

1988 Master of Business degree in Administration, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D.

1991 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1997 Master of Science degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2003 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, D.C.

2007 Air Force Senior Leadership Course, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.

2008 National Security Management, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

2009 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

2009 Program of Senior Executive Fellows, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1986 - September 1991, Missile Combat Crew Commander, Standardization Evaluation Combat Crew Commander and Emergency War Order Instructor, 44th Strategic Missile Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
2. September 1991 - August 1993, Top Hand Professional Development Program, 576th Test Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
3. August 1993 - July 1996, Aide-de-Camp, 20th Air Force, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
4. July 1996 - June 1997, student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, R.I.
5. June 1997 - June 1999, Chief, Current Force Application, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
6. June 1999 - June 2000, Speechwriter, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
7. June 2000 - July 2002, Commander, 1st Space Launch Squadron, Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla.
8. July 2002 - June 2003, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
9. June 2003 - June 2005, Chief, Multilateral Affairs Division, (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. June 2005 - June 2006, Commander, 821st Air Base Group, Thule AB, Greenland.
11. June 2006 - August 2007, Deputy Director of Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
12. August 2007 - June 2008, Vice Commander, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.
13. June 2008 - April 2010, Commander, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
14. May 2010 - May 2011, Director of Space Forces, U.S. Air Forces Central, Southwest Asia
15. June 2011 - May 2013, Vice Commander, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
16. May 2013 - August 2014, Director of Air, Space and Cyberspace Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
17. August 2014 - August 2015, Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
18. August 2015 - present, Commander, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Air Force Space Command, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, USSTRATCOM, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

June 2003 - June 2005, Chief, Multilateral Affairs Division, Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon Washington, D.C., as a colonel

#### **BADGES**

Master Space Operations Badge  
Master Missile Operations Badge  
Basic Cyberspace Operator Badge

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

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Legion of Merit Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Bronze Star Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2010 Air Force Association's California Military Member of the Year  
2013 Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Distinguished Space Leadership Award

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

Second Lieutenant June 10, 1986  
First Lieutenant June 10, 1988  
Captain June 10, 1990  
Major Aug. 1, 1996  
Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2000  
Colonel July 1, 2005  
Brigadier General May 6, 2011  
Major General Aug. 8, 2014  
Lieutenant General Aug. 14, 2015