



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DOUGLAS A. SCHIESS

Lt. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess is the Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Operations, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. Lt. Gen. Schiess has overall responsibility for the development and implementation of policy for all U.S. Space Force global operations, sustainment, training and readiness. He serves as the Space Force Operations Deputy to the Chief of Space Operations for all Joint Chiefs of Staff matters.

Lt. Gen. Schiess entered the Air Force as a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1992 and transferred to the United States Space Force in 2022. He has commanded at the squadron, group, wing, joint component and field command levels. He deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in support of operations Enduring Freedom, Resolute Support and Inherent Resolve. His staff assignments include Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Headquarters Space Operations Command, the Air Staff, the Space Staff and Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Prior to his current assignment, Lt. Gen. Schiess was the Commander, U.S. Space Forces-Space and United States Space Command's Combined Joint Force Space Component Commander

EDUCATION

1992 Bachelor of Science, Physics, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
 1996 Master of Science, Human Resources Management, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant
 1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
 2000 Master of Arts, Organizational Management, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
 2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
 2004 Master of Science, Space Systems, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
 2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
 2012 Master of Arts, National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
 2014 Director of Space Forces Course, Advanced Space Operations School, Peterson AFB, Colo.
 2015 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
 2016 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 2018 National and International Security Leadership Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
 2019 Capstone General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
 2021 Advanced Senior Leader Development Seminar, Warrenton, Va.
 2022 Cybersecurity: The Intersection of Policy and Technology, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
 2022 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2022 Combined/Joint Forces Land Component Commander Course, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
 2024 Advanced Senior Leader Development Seminar II, Washington, D.C.
 2024 Pinnacle General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
 2025 Leadership at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1993–April 1993, Student, Undergraduate Missile Training, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
2. April 1993–September 1995, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Crew Commander, Deputy Flight Commander, Instructor and ICBM Deputy Crew Commander, 446th Missile Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
3. September 1995–March 1997, Senior Evaluator and ICBM Crew Commander Evaluator, Standardization and Evaluation Division, 321st Missile Group, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
4. March 1997–July 1998, Chief of Training, Launch Crew Commander and Launch Controller, 2nd Space Launch Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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| Second Lieutenant June 27, 1992 | |
| First Lieutenant September 30, 1994 | |
| Captain September 30, 1996 | |
| Major April 01, 2003 | |
| Lieutenant Colonel September 01, 2007 | |
| Colonel June 01, 2012 | |
| Brigadier General August 03, 2018 | |
| Major General May 07, 2021 | |
| Lieutenant General December 06, 2023 | |

5. July 1998–June 2000, Air Force Intern Program with duties in Personnel Force Management Directorate, Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Programs), the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
6. June 2000–July 2001, Global Positioning System Crew Commander and Satellite Vehicle Operator, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
7. July 2001–August 2002, Executive Officer to the Wing Commander, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.
8. August 2002–August 2003, Command Lead, Space Professional Development, Vice Commander's Action Group, Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
9. August 2003–June 2004, Intermediate Development Education Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
10. June 2004–July 2005, Chief, Military Satellite Communications Operations Branch, Space Operations Division, Directorate of Strategic Security, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. July 2005–July 2007, Chief, Space and Missile Programs, Weapon Systems Division, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. July 2007–June 2009, Operations Officer, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
13. June 2009–June 2011, Commander, 4th Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
14. July 2011–July 2012, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2012–April 2014, Commander, 45th Operations Group, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.
16. April 2014–April 2015, Director of Space Forces, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, United States Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
17. June 2015–July 2017, Commander, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.
18. July 2017–August 2018, Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. August 2018–December 2020, Commander, 45th Space Wing; and Director, Eastern Range, Patrick AFB, Fla.
20. December 2020–August 2022, Deputy Commanding General Operations after Director, Space and Cyber Operations, Headquarters Space Operations Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo.
21. August 2022–December 2023, Commander, Combined Force Space Component Command, U.S. Space Command; and Vice Commander, Space Operations Command, U.S. Space Force, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.
22. December 2023 –November 2025, Commander, U. S. Space Forces–Space, U.S. Space Force; and Combined Joint Space Force Component Commander, U. S. Space Command, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.
23. November 2025–present, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Operations, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2014–April 2015, Director of Space Forces, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, United States Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, as a colonel
2. August 2022–December 2023 Commander, Combined Force Space Component, U.S. Space Command, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif., as a major general
3. December 2023–November 2025, Combined Joint Force Space Component Commander, U.S. Space Command, Vandenberg SFB, Calif., as a lieutenant general

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Badges: Command Space Operations Badge and Basic Missile Operations Badge
 Systems: Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, Delta II Launch Vehicle, Global Positioning System, Milstar Satellite Communications System and the Eastern Range.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters
 Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
 Air and Space Commendation Medal
 Air and Space Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1992 Distinguished Graduate, Reserve Officer Training Corps
 1993 Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Missile Training
 1997 Outstanding Contributor, Squadron Officer School
 2000 Distinguished Graduate, GPS Initial Qualification Training
 2007 John J. Welch Air Force Award for Excellence in Acquisition Leadership
 2009 Academic Achievement Award, Milstar Initial Qualification Training
 2017 Air Force Space Command General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award
 2023 Statecraft Fellow, The Mentor Group

(Current as of December 2025)

