



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

GENERAL DALE R. WHITE

Gen. Dale R. White is the Director, Critical Major Weapon Systems, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. As a direct reporting portfolio manager to the Deputy Secretary of War, Gen. White is responsible for weapon systems most critical to national security, including: Sentinel and Minuteman III systems, the F-47 family of systems, the B-21 family of systems, and Air Force One, with a total portfolio value approaching \$250 billion. In this role, Gen. White also serves as the senior acquisition advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force for all acquisition matters.

Gen. White is a 1997 Distinguished Graduate of ROTC Detachment 845, at Texas Christian University. His career has included a wide variety of scientific, acquisition and operational planning assignments involving space, cyber and aircraft systems; including assignments at the Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center, Air Force Research Laboratory, Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency, BIG SAFARI Systems Group, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office and three Program Executive Officer leadership roles.

Prior to his current position, he served as the Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In that role, he was entrusted with comprehensive oversight for a vast portfolio of programs, guiding them from initial research and development stages through rigorous testing, full-scale production and long-term sustainment efforts executing more than \$60 billion annually.

EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Business Administration, Management, Dallas Baptist University, Texas
- 1997 Distinguished Graduate, ROTC Detachment 845, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth
- 2000 Master of Business Administration, Management, The Robert O. Anderson School of Management, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 2002 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2010 Advanced Program Managers Course, Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- 2011 Distinguished Graduate, United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.
- 2013 Executive Program Manager’s Course, Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- 2015 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (formerly the Industrial College of the Armed Forces), National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Senior Acquisition Course, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Presidential Leadership Scholar, The Presidential Leadership Scholars Program, George W. Bush Presidential Center, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 2023 Advanced Senior Leader Development Seminar, Warrenton, Va.
- 2024 Advanced Senior Leadership Development Program II, Arlington, Va.
- 2024 Leadership at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2025 PINNACLE, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997–October 1999, Space Flight Mission Designer, Space Test Program Office, Space and Missile Systems Center, Test and Evaluation Directorate, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
2. October 1999–July 2000, Space Flight Mission Manager, Space Test Program Office, Space and Missile Systems Center, Test and Evaluation Directorate, Kirtland AFB, N.M.



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 19, 1997	
First Lieutenant May 19, 1999	
Captain May 19, 2001	
Major October 01, 2006	
Lieutenant Colonel December 01, 2010	
Colonel August 01, 2015	
Brigadier General July 02, 2021	
Major General December 05, 2023	
Lieutenant General December 27, 2023	
General December 19, 2025	

3. July 2000–July 2001, Deputy Program Manager, Maui High Performance Computing Center, Air Force Research Laboratory, Directed Energy Directorate, Maui, Hawaii
4. August 2001–June 2003, Program Manager, Maui High Performance Computing Center, AFRL, Directed Energy Directorate, Maui, Hawaii
5. June 2003–June 2005, Chief, Advanced Programs Strategy and Development, Air Intelligence Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas
6. July 2005–April 2006, Deputy Chief, Advanced Programs Branch, Air Intelligence Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas
7. April 2006–May 2007, Acquisition Assignments Officer, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
8. May 2007–May 2009, Deputy Acquisition Career Field Manager, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition Integration, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. May 2009–August 2010, Executive Officer to the Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. August 2010–July 2011, Student, United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
11. 2011–June 2012, Blue Devil Lead Program Manager, BIG SAFARI Systems Group, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Special Operations Forces Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
12. June 2012–June 2013, Materiel Leader, F-16 United States Air Force/European Partner Air Force Capabilities Branch, F-16 Division, Fighter/Bomber Directorate, AFLCMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
13. June 2013–July 2014, Executive Officer to the Commander of AFMC, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
14. August 2014–June 2015, Student, National Defense University, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (formerly ICAF), Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2015–June 2018, Senior Materiel Leader/System Program Director, B-21 Raider Program, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, HAF, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. June 2018–October 2019, Program Executive Officer for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Special Operations Forces, AFLCMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
17. October 2019–June 2020, PEO for Advanced Aircraft, AFLCMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
18. June 2020–December 2023, PEO for Fighters and Advanced Aircraft, AFLCMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
19. December 2023–December 2025, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
20. December 2025-present, Director, Critical Major Weapon Systems, Office of the Deputy Secretary of War, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Commendation Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2008 U.S. Air Force Acquisition Staff Officer of the Year
2012 Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Senior Acquisition Warfighter of the Year
2015 The Major General Harold Mashburn, Jr. Award for Excellence in Leadership, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (formerly ICAF)

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