



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

RALPH O. STOFFLER

Ralph O. Stoffler, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Director of Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he is responsible for the development of weather and space environmental doctrine, policies, plans, programs, and standards in support of Army and Air Force operations. He is further responsible for overseeing and advocating for Air Force weather resources and monitors the execution of the \$320 million per year weather program. He is the functional manager for 4,300 total-force weather personnel and interfaces with Air Force major commands and the U.S. Army regarding full exploitation of Air Force weather resources and technology. He also represents the Air Force for interagency weather activities with the Department of Commerce, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Federal Aviation Administration. Mr. Stoffler advises the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on atmospheric and space weather and climate matters and is the Department of Defense executive agent for modeling and simulation of the Air and Space Natural Environment.



Prior to his current position, Mr. Stoffler served as the Acting Director of Weather and Technical Director for the Directorate of Weather. As Technical Director, he was responsible for assessing innovative technologies for Space and Atmospheric Weather exploitation with applications to enhance Air Force capabilities, to include developing strategies to plan, modify, and integrate relevant weather capabilities to the Air Force.

Mr. Stoffler is a retired Air Force colonel with 30 years of service and experience in Army operations, pilot instruction, planning, programming, resources, budget, and requirements. He served as a squadron commander as well as weather division chief and major command functional in Europe. He retired in 2011 as the Deputy Director of Weather at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Stoffler was born in Crailsheim, Germany and is a graduate of Nürnberg American High School in Germany. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

EDUCATION

1980 Bachelor of Science, Meteorology, University of Oklahoma, Norman
 1985 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 1989 Master of Science, Systems Management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
 1995 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 1999 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. February 1981 - February 1985, Assistant Staff Weather Officer to 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 7th Weather Squadron, Feucht Army Airfield, Germany
2. March 1985 - October 1987, Chief of Scheduling, 14th Student Squadron, Columbus Air Force Base (AFB), Miss.
3. November 1987 - July 1989, Chief, 22nd Air Force Weather Support Unit, Travis AFB, Calif.
4. August 1989 - October 1991, Commander Detachment 2, 17th Weather Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
5. November 1991 - June 1992, Weather Flight Commander, 60th Operations Support Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
6. June 1992 - June 1994, Chief, Weather Plans, 7th Weather Squadron, supporting U.S. Army in Europe/4th Allied Tactical Air Force Central Army Group Weather Support, Heidelberg Army Installation, Germany
7. June 1994 - June 1996, Director of Operations, 617th Weather Squadron, Heidelberg Army Installation, Germany
8. July 1996 - June 1998 Chief, Requirements, Weather Division, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), Ramstein Air Base, Germany
9. July 1998 - July 1999, Commander, USAFE Operational Weather Squadron, Sembach Air Base, Germany
10. August 1999 - June 2001, Chief of Reengineering, Directorate of Weather, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2001 - November 2003, Chief Resources and Programs, Directorate of Weather, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. December 2003 - June 2007, Chief Weather Division, Air and Space Operations, Headquarters USAFE, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
13. June 2007 - March 2011, Deputy Director of Weather, Directorate of Operations and Training, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
14. March 2011 - February 2014, Technical Director for Weather, Directorate of Operations and Training, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
15. February 2014 - October 2015, Acting Director of Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
16. October 2015 – present, Director of Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
 Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
 Joint Commendation Medal
 Army Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal

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