



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR GENERAL DARRYL ROBERSON

Maj. Gen. Darryl Roberson is the Vice Director, Operations (J-3), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The Vice Director for Operations serves as the principle assistant to the Director for Operations in assisting the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in fulfilling his responsibilities as the principle military advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense, in developing and providing operational guidance, and in fostering clear communication between the President, Secretary of Defense, Unified Commands, and Services.

General Roberson is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and Euro-NATO Joint Jet pilot training. He has been a Thunderbird air demonstration pilot, a Congressional Fellow on Capitol Hill and has served on the Air Staff and the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He has commanded an operational squadron and group, an expeditionary group, an operational wing at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany, a training wing at Tyndall AFB, and an Air Expeditionary Wing at Bagram, Afghanistan. He has flown combat missions in Iraq during Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom as well as 100 missions in Afghanistan while commanding the 455th AEW during Operation Enduring Freedom.



General Roberson is a command pilot who has more than 5,000 flight hours including 865 combat hours. He has flown the F-4, F-15, F-16, and F-22.

#### EDUCATION

1983 Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1989 Master's degree in Aerospace Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

1995 Air Command and Staff College

1996 National Defense Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

1999 Air War College

2002 Master's degree in National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

2006 Air Force Senior Leadership Course, Center for Creative Leadership, N.C.

2006 Seminar XXI Fellow - Program on Foreign Politics, International Relations and the National Interest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2007 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina

at Chapel Hill

2010 Program for Senior Managers in Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

2010 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 General Officer Pre-deployment Acculturation Course, Air Force Culture and Language Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2012 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 1983 - July 1984, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. August 1984 - November 1984, Student, Fighter Lead-in Training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. November 1984 - June 1985, Student, F-4 Replacement Training Unit, Homestead AFB, Fla.
4. July 1985 - May 1986, F-4E Pilot, 526th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
5. May 1986 - July 1989, F-4G Instructor Pilot, 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
6. August 1989 - October 1993, F-15E Instructor Pilot, 336th Fighter Squadron (deployed to Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm), Standardization and Evaluation Flight examiner, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
7. November 1993 - December 1995, F-16 Air Demonstration Pilot - left wing, instructor pilot, and assistant operations officer, USAF Air Demonstration Team, the Thunderbirds, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. January 1996 - November 1996, Congressional Fellowship, staff member for U.S. Senator Ted Stevens, administered by the Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C.
9. November 1996 - March 1999, Chief of Fighter Programs, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. April 1999 - November 2000, Commander, 90th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
11. December 2000 - June 2001, Executive Officer to the Commander, 11th Air Force, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
12. August 2001 - June 2002, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2002 - August 2004, Commander, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. (March 2003 - July 2003, Deputy Commander, then, Commander, Expeditionary Operations Group, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Southwest Asia)
14. August 2004 - May 2006, Assistant Deputy Director for Antiterrorism and Homeland Defense, Operations Directorate (J3), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2006 - March 2008, Commander, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
16. March 2008 - December 2009, Commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
17. December 2009 - April 2011, Deputy Director of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. April 2011 - March 2012, Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
19. April 2012 - June 2012, Director, Air Force Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
20. July 2012 - present, Vice Director, Operations (J3), Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 2004 - May 2006, Assistant Deputy Director for Antiterrorism and Homeland Defense, Operations Directorate (J3), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
2. July 2012 - present, Vice Director, Operations (J3), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a major general

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: 5,082

Combat hours: 865

Aircraft flown: F-4E/G, F-15E, F-16C/CJ and F-22

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters  
Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster  
Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Medal with two silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
AF Combat Action Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
NATO Medal  
Polish Silver Star  
Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1983  
First Lieutenant June 1, 1985  
Captain June 1, 1987  
Major March 1, 1994  
Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 1998  
Colonel Aug. 1, 2002  
Brigadier General Nov. 21, 2008  
Major General Nov. 7, 2011

(Current as of October 2012)