



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



MAJOR GENERAL BURKE E. "ED" WILSON

Maj. Gen. Burke E. "Ed" Wilson is the Commander, 24th Air Force and Commander, Air Forces Cyber, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. General Wilson is responsible for the Air Force's component numbered air force providing combatant commanders with trained and ready cyber forces which plan and conduct cyberspace operations. Twenty-fourth Air Force personnel extend, maintain and defend the Air Force portion of the Department of Defense global network. The general directs the activities of two cyberspace wings, the 624th Operations Center, and the Joint Force Headquarters – Cyber, all headquartered at JBSA-Lackland, as well as the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

General Wilson entered the Air Force in 1985 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He has served in various assignments, including space and cyber operations, planning, strategy, policy, acquisition and combat support. The general has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels, as well as served on the staffs of Air Force Space Command, 24th Air Force, the National Reconnaissance Office, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and the former U.S. Space Command. Prior to his current assignment, General Wilson served as the Director, Space Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.



EDUCATION

- 1985 Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1986 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1990 Master of Science degree in electrical/computer engineering, Northeastern University, Boston, Mass.
- 1990 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1998 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1999 Master of Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2004 Back to Basics, Executive Business Training, Darden Graduate School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
- 2005 Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellowship, Cisco Systems, San Jose, Calif.
- 2006 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2009 U.S. Air Force Enterprise Leadership Course, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1985 – May 1988, design engineer, Space Defense Operations Center; Chief, SPADOC Systems Engineering Branch, Electrical Systems Division, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
2. June 1988 – June 1990, Military Strategic and Tactical Relay systems engineer; program manager, MILSTAR Transportable Terminal, Electronic Systems Division, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
3. July 1990 – June 1994, Operations Director; Flight Director; Chief, Advanced Satellite Planning Division; Chief, Advanced Satellite Management Division, Operational Detachment 4, Onizuka AFB, Calif.
4. July 1994 – December 1995, Mission Director; Chief, Support to Military Operations Division, Overhead Collection Management Center, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
5. January 1996 – February 1997, executive officer, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.
6. March 1997 – July 1997, military assistant, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
7. July 1997 – June 1998, student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. July 1998 – June 1999, student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 1999 – June 2000, plans and programs officer; Chief, Plans and Programs Branch, U.S. Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. July 2000 – June 2002, Deputy Director, Commander in Chief's Action Group, North American Aerospace Defense Command/U.S. Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
11. July 2002 – July 2003, Commander, 1st Space Operations Squadron, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.
12. July 2003 – July 2004, Deputy Commander, 50th Operations Group, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.
13. August 2004 – May 2005, Secretary of Defense corporate fellow, Cisco Systems, San Jose, Calif.
14. June 2005 – June 2006, Director, Commander's Action Group, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
15. June 2006 – September 2006, student, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
16. September 2006 – April 2008, Commander, Space Operations Group, Aerospace Defense Facility – East, Fort Belvoir, Va.
17. April 2008 – February 2010, Commander, Space Development and Test Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
18. February 2010 – August 2011, Commander, 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB, Fla.
19. September 2011 – June 2013, Deputy Commander, Air Forces Cyber (AFCYBER/24th Air Force), Fort George G. Meade, Md.
20. June 2013 – July 2014, Director of Space Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
21. July 2014 - present, Commander, 24th Air Force and Commander, Air Forces Cyber, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1999 – June 2000, plans and programs officer; Chief, Plans and Programs Branch, U.S. Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a major
2. July 2000 – June 2002, deputy director/member, Commander in Chief's Action Group, North American Aerospace Defense Command/U.S. Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a major and a lieutenant colonel
3. September 2006 – April 2008, Commander, Space Operations Group, as a colonel

BADGES AND RATINGS

- Command Space Badge
- Senior Cyberspace Operator Badge
- Basic Parachutist Badge
- Basic Acquisition and Financial Management Badge
- Certified Acquisition Professional: Program Management (Level III)
- System Planning, Research and Development (Level III)
- Test and Evaluation (Level I)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
National Reconnaissance Office's Distinguished Service Medal
National Reconnaissance Office's Superior Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1985
First Lieutenant May 28, 1987
Captain May 28, 1989
Major Jan. 1, 1997
Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2001
Colonel March 1, 2006
Brigadier General Dec. 17, 2010
Major General April 2, 2014

(Current as of August 2014)