



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL GEOFFREY D. DAWSON

Colonel Geoffrey D. Dawson is the Director of Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. He leads the development of weather and space environmental doctrine, policies, plans, programs, and standards in support of U.S. Army, Air Force, and Space Force operations. Colonel Dawson represents the Department of the Air Force and Defense when coordinating with interagency counterparts within the National Weather Service, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Federal Aviation Administration. Further, he advocates for resources, monitors execution of the department's \$540 million annual weather program, and manages the Air Force's 4,200-person weather career field.

Colonel Dawson is a 1998 graduate of the University of Kansas and earned his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He has previously commanded at the group, squadron and detachment level and his staff assignments include service with Headquarters Air Force and United States Air Forces in Europe. His experience includes leading weather operations enabling Air Force and Army operations worldwide. He has deployed multiple times including service in Iraq and Bosnia. Prior to his current position, Colonel Dawson was the Division Chief, Weather Policy and Readiness, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.



EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Science, University of Kansas, Lawrence
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Master of Public Administration, Troy University, Troy, Ala.
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1998 – August 2001, Staff Weather Officer, 3d Weather Squadron, Fort Hood, Texas
(November 1999 – February 2000, Staff Weather Officer, 401st Expeditionary Weather Squadron, Tuzla AB, Bosnia)
2. August 2001 – August 2004, Flight Commander, 28th Operational Weather Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
3. August 2004 – June 2006, Flight Commander, 78th Operations Support Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
(May – September 2005, Officer-in-Charge, Weather Specialty Team, 601st Air Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.)
4. June 2006 – June 2009, Commander, Detachment 4, 7th Weather Squadron, Katterbach, Germany
(February – October 2008, Commander, Detachment 3, 18th Expeditionary Weather Squadron, Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq)
5. June 2009 – June 2011, Chief, Joint Resources, Requirements, and Plans, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
6. July 2011 – July 2012, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
7. July 2012 – June 2014, Program Element Monitor, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
8. July 2014 – July 2016, Commander, 7th Weather Squadron and 7th Expeditionary Weather Squadron, Lucius D. Clay Kaserne, Germany
9. July 2016 – July 2019, Director, Global Weather Operations, 618th Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott AFB, Ill.

10. July 2019 – January 2021, Division Chief, Portfolio Management and Governance, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. January 2021 – June 2022, Deputy Director, Enterprise Information Technology, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2022 – July 2024, Commander, 366th Mission Support Group, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
13. July 2024 – March 2025, Division Chief, Weather Policy and Readiness, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
14. March 2025 – Present, Director of Weather, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2008 United States Air Forces in Europe Weather Field Grade Officer of the Year
2009 Air Force Weather Staff Officer of the Year
2010 Air Force Weather Staff Officer of the Year
2012 United States Army Command and General Staff College – Top 20 Percent Graduate
2017 Air Mobility Command Weather Field Grade Officer of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 18, 1998
First Lieutenant	June 17, 2000
Captain	June 17, 2002
Major	April 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel	August 1, 2013
Colonel	October 1, 2019

(Current as of March 2025)