



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL W. R. ALAN DAYTON

Col. Alan Dayton serves as the Commander, 55th Mission Support Group, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He leads a diverse group across five squadrons that support Air Combat Command's largest wing and 50 associate units, including United States Strategic Command and the 557th Weather Wing. The group provides mobility processing to deploy over 3,000 personnel per year, a \$5 billion contracting portfolio, manpower and personnel, and services to 57,000 active duty, dependent and retired personnel.

Col. Dayton is a 1995 distinguished graduate of Air Force ROTC at North Carolina State University. He has multiple operational deployments, flying combat and combat support missions in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq. He served as an undergraduate navigator training instructor and an Air Force Presidential Advance Agent. He also served as the command electronic warfare officer for both III Corps Artillery and II Marine Expeditionary Force in Iraq. Following an Air Officer Commanding tour at the U.S. Air Force Academy, he commanded the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron employing reconnaissance aircraft throughout the Pacific Theater.



Prior to his current position, Col. Dayton served in a variety of staff assignments, to include the Joint Staff and Air Combat Command, and deployed as the Joint Air Component Coordination Element for Operation Inherent Resolve.

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Arts, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.
1998 Command and Control Warfare Course, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2007 IDE Master of Arts in Counseling and Leadership, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2012 Air War College, by correspondence
2012 Joint Air Operations Planning Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2017 SDE Air Force Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington D.C.
2018 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1995 – August 1996, student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas & Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
2. August 1996 – November 1996, student, Joint Aviation Electronic Warfare School, Corry Station, Fla.
3. December 1996 – December 2001, RC-135 Electronic Warfare Officer, Instructor and Evaluator, 343rd Reconnaissance Squadron and 45th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. December 2001 – December 2004, T-43 Navigator/Electronic Warfare Officer Instructor, Standards and

Evaluations Chief, Assistant Director of Operations, 563rd Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas and Command Electronic Warfare Officer, III Corps Artillery, Baghdad, Iraq
5. January 2005 – May 2006, Command Electronic Warfare Officer, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Al Anbar Province, Iraq, and Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Task Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
6. June 2006 – May 2007, student, Intermediate Development Education, Colorado Springs, Colo.
7. May 2007 – June 2009, Air Officer Commanding, Cadet Squadron 11, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
8. June 2009 – November 2013, Commander and Director of Operations, 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
9. November 2013 – July 2016, Branch Chief, Joint Staff, J-8 Directorate, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
10. July 2016 – June 2017, Air Force Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington D.C.
11. June 2017 – June 2019, Division Chief, HQ Air Combat Command, A589, JB Langley-Eustis, Va. and Joint Air Component Coordination Element, SOJTF-Operation Inherent Resolve, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
12. July 2019 – Present, Commander, 55th Mission Support Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2005 – May 2006, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C., as a major
2. November 2013 – July 2016, Joint Staff, J-8, Pentagon, Washington D.C., as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: More than 2,800

Aircraft flown: RC-135V/W RIVET JOINT, RC-135U COMBAT SENT, T-43A, T-37, T-39, EA-6B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star

Kosovo Campaign Medal with two bronze stars

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with bronze star

Global War On Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

NATO Medal with bronze star

19 AF Electronic Warfare Instructor of the Year, 2002

AETC Instructor of the Year, 2002

AETC Information Officer of the Year, 2004

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 1995

First Lieutenant July 1997

Captain July 1999

Major December 2005

Lieutenant Colonel October 2010

Colonel January 2017

(Current as of July 2019)