



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL D. SCOTT DURHAM

Col. D. Scott Durham is the commander of the 512th Airlift Wing, an Air Force Reserve Command associate wing located at Dover Air Force Base, Del. He is the senior officer responsible for the 1,750-person organization, which supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17A Globemaster III aircraft.

Colonel Durham began his military career when he graduated from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He served as an air traffic controller, a C-130E Pilot and a C-17A Pilot while on active duty. During this time, he flew numerous combat missions supporting operations in Kosovo, Hungary, Iraq and Afghanistan. Colonel Durham was part of the initial cadre of Special Operations Low Level II qualified C-17 pilots and was a key player in establishing that Joint Chiefs of Staff mission at Charleston AFB, S.C. He was commissioned in the AF Reserve in May 2003, following 13 years of active-duty service. Among his assignments, he served on Headquarters AFRC staff as the Command C-17 evaluator pilot, as a Director of Operations for a C-17 airlift squadron and as the Commander of an airlift operations group. Colonel Durham was selected to serve as the Senior Executive Officer to the Chief of the AF Reserve and the Commander, AFRC. He previously served as the Deputy Director for Mobilization in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Arts in political science, international relations and military affairs, The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C.
- 1994 Masters of Science degree in public administration, logistics, Georgia College, Milledgeville, Ga.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.
- 2004 AFRC Leadership Today and Tomorrow Seminar, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Air War College, by correspondence, AU, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Joint Military Operations Course, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- 2011 Air War College, in residence, AU, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Masters of Arts degree in strategic studies, AU, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2012 Joint Air and Space Operations Senior Staff Course, Joint Special Operations University, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 2013 Safety and Accident Investigation Board President Course, AF Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2014 Middle East and South Asia Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1991 - July 1992, air traffic control officer, 4th Operations Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

2. July 1992 - March 1994, deputy chief, air traffic control, 653rd Air Base Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.
3. March 1994 - September 1994, pilot training, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
4. September 1994 - May 1995, student pilot training, VT 31, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas
5. May 1995 - May 1997, C-130 pilot, 2nd Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
6. May 1997 - May 1998, chief, Air Force Operations Resource Management System and C-130E pilot, 2nd AS, Pope AFB, N.C.
7. May 1998 - May 1999, C-17A pilot and chief squadron tactics, 17th AS, Charleston AFB, SC.
8. May 1999 - February 2001, C-17A instructor pilot and deputy flight commander, wing weapons and tactics, 437th OSS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
9. February 2001- February 2002, C-17A evaluator and assistant chief squadron standardization and evaluation, 17th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
10. February 2002 - February 2003, C-17A chief, special operations low-level training and current operations, 437th OSS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
11. February 2003 - May 2003, C-17A evaluator and instructor, 317th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
12. May 2003 - February 2006, AFRC command C-17 evaluator pilot, Robins AFB, Ga.
13. February 2006 - August 2011, director of operations, 701st AS Charleston AFB, S.C.
14. August 2011 - June 2013, commander, 512th Operations Group, Dover AFB, Del.
15. June 2013 - July 2014, executive officer to the Chief of AF Reserve and executive officer to the Commander AFRC, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2014 - August 2015, deputy director for Mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
17. August 2015 – Present, commander, 512th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 5,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-44, C-130E, C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters and valor device

Combat Readiness Medal with silver and bronze oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Kosovo Campaign Medal with service star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal with service star

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award with silver oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with mobilization and hourglass devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Nov. 13, 1990

First Lieutenant Nov. 13, 1992

Captain Nov. 13, 1994

Major Dec. 1, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 2, 2007

Colonel Feb. 17, 2012

(Current as of May 2016)