



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD C. JOHNSTON

Selected for reassignment as Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Maj. Gen. Richard C. Johnston is the Director, Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He is responsible for directing the development and implementation of Air Force long-range strategic planning, as well as providing associated policy guidance.

General Johnston was commissioned through Officer Training School. He has commanded the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.; two expeditionary air refueling squadrons; the 317th Airlift Group, Dyess AFB, Texas; the 320th Air Expeditionary Wing; the 86th Airlift Wing and the Kaiserslautern Military Community -- the largest community of Americans outside the United States, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The general has deployed in support of operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



His staff assignments include Headquarters Military Airlift Command, Air Mobility Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Transportation Command. Prior to his current assignment, he was Director, Plans, Programs and Analyses, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He also served as the Chairman, Strategic Airlift Capability C-17 Program, responsible for executive oversight to acquire, manage, support, and operate the 12-nation consortium that included the multi-national Heavy Airlift Wing in Papa, Hungary. General Johnston is a command pilot with more than 4,300 flying hours in the C-130E/H, C-21, C-40, C-37, KC-10A and WC-130E/H aircraft.

EDUCATION

1980 Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

1987 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala

1989 Master of Science degree in operational research and business management, University of Arkansas

1994 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

1997 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2002 Master of Science degree in national security strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair,

Washington, D.C.

2008 Black Sea Security Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

2008 Program for Senior Managers in Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1981 - October 1982, student, undergraduate pilot training, Vance AFB, Okla.

2. October 1982 - February 1983, C-130 pilot training, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

3 February 1983 - June 1985, aircraft commander, 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam

4 June 1985 - June 1991, instructor pilot and evaluator pilot, 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron; assistant chief, Standardization and Evaluation, 314th Tactical Airlift Group; and executive officer, 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

5. June 1991 - June 1993, Chief of Tactical Airlift Assignments and Chief of Rated Officer Assignments, Directorate of Personnel, Headquarters Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

6. June 1993 - June 1994, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

7. June 1994 - June 1997, Deputy Chief, later, Chief of Mobility Forces Programming Branch, and executive officer for the Director of Joint Matters, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

8. June 1997 - February 2000, operations officer then Commander, 2nd Air Refueling Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.

9. February 2000 - August 2001, Chief, Senior Officer Management Division, Directorate of Personnel, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

10. August 2001 - June 2002, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

11. July 2002 - March 2004, Commander, 317th Airlift Group, Dyess AFB, Texas (November 2002 - June 2003, Commander, 320th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia)

12. March 2004 - August 2004, Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

13. August 2004 - September 2005, executive officer to the Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and to the Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

14. September 2005 - March 2006, executive officer to the Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

15. April 2006 - December 2007, Commander, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, and Commander, Kaiserslautern Military Community, Germany

16. December 2007 - September 2009, Director, Plans, Programs and Analyses, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany

17. September 2009 - present, Director, Air Force Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2004 - August 2004, Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill., as a colonel

2. August 2004 - September 2005, executive officer to the Commander, USTRANSCOM, and to the Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill., as a colonel

3. September 2005 - March 2006, executive officer to the Commander, USTRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Ill., as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,300 hours

Aircraft flown: C-130E/H, C-21, C-40, C-37 and KC-10A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and two silver oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Oct. 16, 1981

First Lieutenant Oct. 16, 1983

Captain Oct. 16, 1985

Major Feb. 1, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 1, 1998

Colonel July 1, 2002

Brigadier General Nov. 2, 2007

Major General Nov. 17, 2010

(Current as of December 2010)