



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL W. R. ALAN DAYTON

Col Alan Dayton serves as the Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 157 for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona State College, Stetson University and the University of Central Florida – Daytona Beach Campus. Colonel Dayton is responsible to the Universities and AFROTC for recruiting, training, and educating Air Force officer candidates. He instructs courses in leadership, national security, and air power history. He is responsible for who is accepted, trained, and ultimately commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force and Space Force.

Col Dayton is a distinguished graduate of AFROTC at N.C. 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 82d Reconnaissance Squadron employing reconnaissance aircraft throughout the Pacific Theater. 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. Prior to his current position, he commanded the 55th Mission Support Group where he led over 1,670 personnel supporting 7.5M square feet of facilities valued at \$9 billion dollars. The group provided mobility processing to over 3,000 deployed personnel per year and services to 57,000 active duty, dependent and retired personnel.



### EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Arts, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 1998 Command and Control Warfare Course, NAS Pensacola, FL
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2007 IDE Master of Arts in Counseling and Leadership, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2012 Joint Air Operations Planning Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 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, TX & NAS Pensacola, FL
2. August 1996 – November 1996, Student, Joint Aviation Electronic Warfare School, Corry Station, FL
3. December 1996 – December 2001, RC-135 EWO, Instructor & Evaluator, 343d Reconnaissance Sq & 45th Reconnaissance Sq, Offutt AFB, NE
4. December 2001 – December 2004, T-43 Navigator/EWO Instructor, Stan/Eval Chief, Asst Director of Ops, 563d Flying Training Sq, Randolph AFB, TX & Command EWO, III Corps Artillery, Baghdad, Iraq
5. January 2005 – May 2006, Command EWO, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC, Al Anbar Province, Iraq, & Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Task Force, Pentagon, Wash D.C.
6. June 2006 – May 2007, Student, Intermediate Development Education, Colorado Springs, CO
7. May 2007 – June 2009, Air Officer Commanding, Cadet Squadron 11, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
8. June 2009 – November 2013, Commander & Director of Ops, 82d Reconnaissance Sq, Kadena AB, JA
9. November 2013 – July 2016, Branch Chief, Joint Staff, J-8 Directorate, Pentagon, Wash D.C.
10. July 2016 – June 2017, Air Force Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Wash D.C.
11. June 2017 – June 2019, Division Chief, HQ Air Combat Command, A589, JB Langley-Eustis, VA & Joint Air Component Coordination Element, SOJTF-Op INHERENT RESOLVE, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
12. July 2019 – July 2021, Commander, 55th Mission Support Group, Offutt AFB, NE
13. July 2021 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 157, Embry-Riddle Aero Univ, FL

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. January 2005 – May 2006, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC, 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: 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**

Legion of Merit Medal

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

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 Jul 2021)