



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL DANIEL A. DOBBELS

Col Daniel A. Dobbels is the Commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The 15th Wing provides trained and ready Airmen to the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and the Commander, Pacific Air Forces to execute strategic airlift, air dominance, and executive airlift missions via C-17A, C-37A, and F-22A aircraft. As the commander, Col Dobbels serves as the Senior Airfield Authority on Hickam Field and is responsible for the airfield's safe and effective operation. Hickam Field serves as a strategic launching pad for the projection of American airpower throughout the Indo-Pacific Area of Responsibility. The wing's Total Force Integration relationship with the Hawaii Air National Guard is critical to the day-to-day operations and maintenance successes of the C-17 and F-22 mission sets. The 15th Wing also serves as the Air Force lead that partners with the Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to provide mission support to all other Air Force entities on base.

Col Dobbels entered the United States Air Force in 1998 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Academy. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma where he was the Distinguished Graduate and the AETC Commander's Cup Trophy Winner. He is a command pilot with over 3,200 hours in the C-17, C-12, T-1, and T-37 aircraft and has amassed more than 600 hours of combat time in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, and FREEDOM SENTINEL. He previously commanded the 517th Airlift Squadron, the 437th Operations Group, and has also served on Headquarters Air Force, major command and two combatant command staffs.



#### EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1999 Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base (AFB), Okla.
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Master of Arts, Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2007 Air Force Intern Program, Washington, D.C.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2015 Master of Arts, National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998–September 1999, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, Okla.
2. October 1999–February 2000, C-17A, Copilot Initial Qualification School, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB, Okla.
3. February 2000–July 2005, C-17A SOLL II Evaluator Aircraft Commander, Chief Executive Officer, Flight Commander, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston, S.C.
4. July 2005–June 2007, Air Force Intern, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
5. June 2007–August 2008, Deputy Chief, Corporate Branch, Program Integration Division, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.
6. September 2008–December 2010, Operations Officer, 62d Operations Support Squadron, Chief Executive Officer, 62d Airlift Wing, and Chief, Squadron Standardization and Evaluation, 7th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
7. January 2011–July 2012, Chief, Senior Leader Management, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam, Hawaii
8. July 2012–July 2014, Commander, 517th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
9. July 2014–June 2015, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
10. June 2015–July 2017, Deputy Chief, Forces Division, and J3 Executive Officer, Operations Directorate, United States

Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

11. July 2017–July 2018, United States Transportation Command Liaison to United States Central Command and United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

12. July 2018–May 2020, Commander, 437th Operations Group, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

13. June 2020–Present, Commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2015–July 2017, Deputy Chief, Forces Division, and J3 Executive Officer, Operations Directorate, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a lieutenant colonel

2. July 2017–July 2018, United States Transportation Command Liaison to United States Central Command and United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a colonel

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,200

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-1, C-12, C-17

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998

First Lieutenant May 27, 2000

Captain May 27, 2002

Major Sept. 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2011

Colonel March 1, 2018

**(Current as of June 2020)**