



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL LAMONT ATKINS

Colonel Atkins is the Director of Operations, Sixteenth Air Force, Air Forces Cyber, and Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. He is responsible for the daily operations of more than 44,000 personnel conducting worldwide operations. Sixteenth Air Force Airmen deliver multisource intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance products, applications, capabilities and resources. In addition, they build, extend, operate, secure and defend the Air Force portion of the Department of Defense global network. Furthermore, his Joint Forces Headquarters-Cyber personnel perform operational planning as part of coordinated efforts to support Air Force component and combatant commanders and, upon approval of the President and/or Secretary of Defense, the execution of offensive cyberspace operations.

Colonel Atkins entered the Air Force in 1996 after receiving his commission through the University of Alabama's ROTC program. Since his commissioning, he has held a variety of cyberspace positions at the Wing, Field Operational Agency, Major Command, Combatant Command, and Headquarters Air Force levels. From 2010 to 2012, he was the commander of the 48th Communications Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom where he led a high performing unit of 189 military, DoD civilian, and British Ministry of Defense personnel providing cyber operations support to a 7,000 workforce employing three combat-ready squadrons of F-15 fighter aircraft. Colonel Atkins was also a DoD Legislative Fellow in the office of the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI). As Senator Akaka's military advisor, he personally counseled the Senator on all defense-related issues including 23 Senate Armed Services Committee hearings and the President's Budget. Colonel Atkins also served two years on the staff of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4)/Cyber Directorate in the Pentagon. As such, he conducted cyberspace analysis and assessments, provided strategic cyberspace guidance across the joint force, and evaluated cyber requirements, plans, programs and strategies for the Chairman.

Prior to assuming his current position, Col Atkins was Commander of the 567th Cyberspace Operations Group, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas where he led over 800 cyberspace professionals across 54 mission elements conducting threat-focused, intelligence driven defensive cyberspace operations to defeat ongoing and imminent threats to strategic national interests in collaboration with domestic and international partners. This was on the heels of his distinguished service as the Chief, Cyber Operations and Plans Division, United States Cyber Command where he led 80 cyberspace operational planners that planned, synchronized, and directed the delivery of full spectrum cyberspace operations to defend and advance national interests.

EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Science, Management Information Systems, University of Alabama
- 1997 Basic Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2005 Masters of Arts, Computer Resources and Information Management, Webster University
- 2006 Communications Battlespace Management Course, Scott AFB, IL
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence



- 2009 Air Force Legislative Fellow, Intermediate Developmental Education equivalent
- 2016 Masters of Science, National Resource Strategy, Dwight Eisenhower School for National Security & Resource Strategy

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1997-2001 Chief, Joint STARS Network/Computer Operations, 93rd Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, GA
2. 2002-2003 Program Manager, AF Crypto Modernization, AF Communications Agency, Scott AFB, IL
3. 2003-2004 Deputy, Lead Command Branch, Air Force Communications Agency, Scott AFB, IL
4. 2004-2005 Executive Officer to the Vice Commander, Air Force Communications Agency, Scott AFB, IL
5. 2005-2006 Commander, Plans and Implementations Flight, and later Commander, Operations Flight, 15th Communications Squadron, Hickam AFB, HI
6. 2006-2007 Deputy Commander, 15th Communications Squadron, Hickam AFB, HI
7. 2007-2008 Chief, HQ PACAF Resources Branch, Communications & Information Directorate, Hickam AFB, HI
8. 2008-2009 IDE, Air Force Legislative Fellow, Office of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka, Washington, DC
9. 2009-2010 Executive Officer to the Director, Warfighter Systems Integration, the Pentagon, Washington, DC
10. 2010-2012 Commander, 48th Communications Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
11. 2012-2014 Action Officer, C4/Cyber Directorate, Joint Staff, J6, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. 2014-2015 Military Assistant to the DoD Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, DC
13. 2015-2016 Graduate Student, Dwight Eisenhower School for National Security & Resource Strategy
14. 2016-2019 Chief, Cyber Operations and Plans Division (J35), United States Cyber Command, Fort Meade, MD
15. 2019-2021 Commander, 567th Cyberspace Operations Group, Joint Base San Antonio, IL
15. 2021-present Director of Operations, Sixteenth Air Force, Air Forces Cyber, and Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas

JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. 2012-2014 Action Officer, C4/Cyber Directorate, Joint Staff, J6, the Pentagon, Washington, DC as a Lieutenant Colonel
2. 2014-2015 Military Assistant to the DoD Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, DC as a Lieutenant Colonel
3. 2016-2019 Chief, Cyber Operations and Plans Division, United States Cyber Command, Fort Meade, MD as a Colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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| Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster | National Defense Service Medal |
| Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters | Global War on Terrorism Service Medal |
| Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters | Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal |
| Air Force Commendation Medal | Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal |
| Air Force Achievement Medal | |

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Second Lieutenant | January 10, 1997 | Major | May 1, 2007 |
| First Lieutenant | January 10, 1999 | Lieutenant Colonel | Aug 1, 2012 |
| Captain | August 08, 2001 | Colonel | December 1, 2018 |
- (Current as of Nov 2021)