



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID M. MCMINN

Brigadier General David M. McMinn is the Commander and Chief of Staff for the Texas Air National Guard. He is the principle advisor to the Adjutant General for all Air National Guard issues. Additionally, he is responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all programs, policies, and plans for three flying Wings and more than 3200 Air National Guard personnel throughout the State of Texas. The largest operational units of the Texas Air National Guard are the 136th Airlift Wing, 147th Reconnaissance Wing, and the 149th Fighter Wing.



General McMinn received his commission in the Air Force upon graduation from Clemson University in 1984. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma in 1985 and was assigned to Pope AFB, North Carolina as a C-130E pilot in 1986. There, he specialized in Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System tactical air delivery and Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System formation flying. In 1992, after serving as an Aircraft Commander during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, he transferred to the Texas Air National Guard and joined the 136th Airlift Wing as an Instructor Pilot. As both traditional Guardsman and Air Reserve Technician, he served as the Chief of Training, Chief of Safety, Chief of Standardization/Evaluation, 181st Airlift Squadron Operations Officer, 181st Airlift Squadron Commander, 775th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Commander, 321st Expeditionary Operations Group Commander, 136th Operations Group Commander, Vice Wing Commander and Wing Commander. Prior to his current position he was the Director, A-8/A9, Headquarters Texas Air National Guard. General McMinn is a command pilot with over 5000 hours in the T-37, T-38, C-130E and C-130H2 aircraft.

EDUCATION

- 1984 Bachelor of Arts, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
- 1993 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 1996 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2002 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1984 – November 1985, Student Undergraduate Pilot Training, 71st Student Squadron, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
2. November 1985 - November 1987, Pilot, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina
3. November 1987 – November 1989, Aircraft Commander, C130E, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina
4. November 1989 – November 1991, Instructor Aircraft Commander, C130E, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina
5. November 1991 – May 1992, Non Obligated/Non Participating, Lowry AFB
6. May 1992 – May 1993, Instructor Pilot, 181st Airlift Squadron, Hensley Field, Texas
7. May 1993 – December 1993, Airlift Pilot, 136th Airlift Wing, Hensley Field, Texas
8. December 1993 – December 1996, Chief of Safety, 136th Airlift Wing, Hensley Field, Texas
9. December 1996 – December 1997, Pilot, 181st Airlift Squadron, Hensley Field, Texas
10. December 1997 – December 2000, Chief, Standard and Evaluation, 136th Operations Group, Hensley Field, Texas
11. December 2000 - July 2004, Commander, 181st Airlift Squadron, Hensley Field, Texas
12. July 2004 – February 2005, Commander 136th Operations Group, Hensley Field, Texas
13. February 2005 – February 2006, Vice Wing Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, Hensley Field, Texas
14. February 2006 – July 2012, Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, Hensley Field, Texas
15. July 2012 – March 2014, Director, A8/A9, Headquarters, TXANG, Camp Mabry, Austin Texas
16. March 2014 – Present, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, TXANG, Camp Mabry, Austin Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot Flight Hours: More than 5000

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130E, C-130H, B-727, MD-88, MD-90

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Combat Readiness Medal with four devices National Defense Service Medal with one device Southwest Asia Service Medal with two devices Global

War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Humanitarian Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border AF Longevity Service Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one "M" device Small Arms

Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol) Kuwait Liberation Medal

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait Texas Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal

Texas Adjutant Generals Individual Award with one device Texas Federal Service Medal Texas Faithful Service Medal with one device Louisiana Emergency

Service Medal

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

General McMinn is a Captain for Delta Airlines

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant October 8, 1984

First Lieutenant October 8, 1986

Captain October 8, 1988

Major February 1, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel May 16, 1998

Colonel July 27, 2004

Brigadier General August 1, 2014

(Current as of February 2016)