



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID J. MOUNKES

Brigadier General David J. Mounkes is Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Kentucky Air National Guard, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, Ky. He assists the Adjutant General in providing leadership and management of a diverse air national guard unit that includes tactical airlift, special operations and contingency response units. Working with the Adjutant General, General Mounkes is accountable for all aspects of operations, personnel, equipment and funding matters, ensuring the state is ready to perform its wartime mission and support the state to effectively respond during domestic operations.

General Mounkes has flown C-130 combat, combat-support and humanitarian-relief operations worldwide. He has served as Squadron Commander for the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan; commanding a Contingency Response Element in the Dominican Republic in support of Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE; as Commander and Senior Airfield Authority, Joint Task Force-Port Opening Senegal for Operation UNITED ASSISTANCE in Dakar, Senegal; as the AFCENT Director of Mobility Forces, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; as Commander, 123rd Airlift Wing, Louisville, Ky, and recently as the Director of Air Operations for Kentucky Joint Force Headquarters.



EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

1995 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence

2005 Master of Divinity, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2012 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2014 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2015 Director of Mobility Forces Course, Tyndall AFB, FL

2021 Joint Task Force Commanders Course, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, CO

2022 Dual Status Commanders Course, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, CO

2022 Leadership in Homeland Security, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1990 – December 1990, specialized undergraduate navigator training, Mather AFB, Calif.

2. January 1991 – September 1994, C-130 Navigator, 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

3. September 1994 – August 1997, C-130 Formal Training Unit and Tactical Airlift Instructor School Instructor/Evaluator, 62nd Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

4. August 1997 – December 1999, Instructor Navigator, 165th Airlift Squadron, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
5. December 1999 – November 2003, Standards and Evaluations Navigator, 123rd Operations Group, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
6. November 2003 – February 2006, Evaluator Navigator, 165th Airlift Squadron, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
7. February 2006 – May 2007, Assistant Director of Operations, 165th Airlift Squadron, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
8. May 2007 – April 2008, Director of Operations, 165th Airlift Squadron, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
9. April 2008 – July 2011, Commander, 123rd Global Mobility Squadron, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
10. July 2011 – May 2012, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.
11. May 2012 – July 2014, Commander, 123rd Global Mobility Squadron, and Deputy Commander, 123rd Contingency Response Group, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
12. July 2014 – April 2016, Commander, 123rd Contingency Response Group, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
13. April 2016 – August 2021, Commander, 123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Ky.
14. August 2021 – August 2022, Director of Policy for Air Operations, Plans, and Programs, Kentucky Joint Force Headquarters, Frankfort, Ky.
15. August 2022 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Kentucky Joint Force Headquarters, Frankfort, Ky.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: Over 4,600

Aircraft flown: T-43, T-37, C-130E/H2/H3

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and 12 oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with device

Southwest Asia Service Medal with device

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with device

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec. 22, 1989

First Lieutenant Dec. 22, 1991

Captain Dec. 22, 1993

Major Dec. 4, 1999

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 4, 2006

Colonel Jul. 10, 2014

Brigadier General Aug. 13, 2022

(Current as of January 3, 2023)