



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL DONALD E. WUSSLER, JR.

Colonel Donald E. Wussler, Jr., is Vice Commander, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He is responsible for a multiservice, multinational systems wing which conducts development, acquisition, fielding and sustainment of all GPS space segment, satellite command and control (ground) segment, and GPS military user equipment. The \$32B GPS program, with a \$1B annual budget, maintains the largest satellite constellation and the largest avionics integration and installation program in the Department of Defense.

Colonel Wussler was commissioned through ROTC upon graduation from the University of Notre Dame in 1983. His assignments include the Aeronautical Systems Division, two tours at the Electronic Systems Center, and Headquarters United States Air Force. He has been responsible for the acquisition and programming for such systems and technologies as United States AWACS, Air-to-Air Combat Identification, Theater Air Control Systems, and United States and NATO Joint STARS. Additionally, Colonel Wussler has represented the Air Force with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for all Tactical Air, Weapons, Science & Technology and Test & Evaluation Programs, to include the F/A-22, AMRAAM, JASSM, and C2 aircraft. He also served as System Program Director for Force Protection Command and Control Systems. Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Wussler was Commander, Counterspace Group, Space Superiority Systems Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California.



#### EDUCATION

- 1983 Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- 1987 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL (Distinguished Graduate)
- 1989 Master's Degree in Systems Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
- 1994 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Honor Graduate)
- 1995 Advanced Program Manager's Course, Defense Systems Management College, Ft Belvoir, VA
- 2000 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft McNair, Washington, DC (Master's Degree in National Resource Management)
- 2006 Executive Program Manager's Course, Defense Systems Management College, Ft Belvoir, VA

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1983 – May 1986, Assistant Program Manager, Non-Cooperative Target Recognition Systems, Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
2. June 1986 – May 1988, Assistant Program Manager, Mark XV Identification, Friend-or-Foe System, Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
3. June 1988 – September 1989, Graduate Student in Systems Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, OH

4. October 1989 – March 1992, Modular Control Equipment Pre-Planned Product Improvements Program Manager, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
5. April 1992 – July 1993, Executive to the Vice Commander, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
6. August 1993 – June 1994, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. July 1994 – November 1995, Chief, Theater Battle Management Branch, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, DC
8. December 1995 – December 1997, Joint STARS Program Element Monitor, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, DC
9. January 1997 – June 1998, NATO Joint STARS Program Element Monitor, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, DC
10. July 1998 – July 1999, Assistant for Congressional Matters, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, DC
11. August 1999 – June 2000, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft McNair, Washington, DC
12. July 2000 – August 2001, Chief, AWACS Command and Control Systems Integrated Product Team, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
13. September 2001 – May 2003, Chief, United States AWACS Modernization Division, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
14. May 2003 – July 2004, System Program Director, Force Protection C2 Systems Program Office, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
15. August 2004 – July 2006, Director, Counterspace Group, Space Superiority Systems Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA
16. July 2006 to June 2007, Commander, Counterspace Group, Space Superiority Systems Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA
17. June 2007 to present, Vice Commander, Global Positioning Systems Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA

#### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

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

Second Lieutenant May 14, 1983  
First Lieutenant July 29, 1985  
Captain July 29 1987  
Major March 1, 1994  
Lieutenant Colonel September 1, 1998  
Colonel May 1, 2004

*(Current as of: Sep 08)*