



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL SAMUEL D. COX

Brig. Gen. Samuel D. Cox is the Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. General Cox commands the 4,400-member cadet wing and more than 300 Air Force and civilian support personnel. His responsibilities include cadet military training and airmanship education, supervising cadet life activities, and providing support to facilities and logistics.

General Cox graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in May 1984. After completing pilot training, he served at Charleston AFB as a C-141 Special Operations Low Level II Flight Examiner Aircraft Commander who airdropped the initial insertion force into Panama for OPERATION JUST CAUSE and flew a significant number of missions in support of OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM. His following tour of duty was on the AMC Staff in the Operations Directorate where he was responsible for developing and writing C-141 Tactics, Formation, Airdrop and Special Operations procedures. General Cox also spent time in the HQ AMC Plans and Programs Directorate where he played a key role in the development of the C-17 Reliability, Maintainability and Availability Evaluation gaining implementation approval through a Joint 4-Star Summit. After Scott AFB, he was selected to be Aide-de-Camp to Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command. After attending Air Command and Staff College, he was assigned to Charleston as the Operations Officer for the 437th Operations Support Squadron. During this period he deployed as Operations Officer, 17th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, supporting OPERATION ALLIED FORCE. The 17 EAS aircrews flew more than 1,000 sorties in the tactical environment of Tirana, Albania. He returned to take command of the 14th Airlift Squadron, which won the Lt Gen Joseph Smith trophy for the most outstanding airlift squadron in Air Mobility Command. Following this duty, General Cox assumed the position of Deputy Commander, 437th Operations Group. After leaving Charleston AFB, he attended the National War College at Ft McNair, Washington, DC, and then served as the Deputy Executive Secretary in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. He then returned to Charleston as the vice commander of the 437th Airlift Wing. Next, General Cox was the Commander, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, DE. During his tenure at Dover, he deployed as Deputy Director of Mobility Forces supporting OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. Prior to his current assignment, General Cox was the Director, Air Force General Officer Management, Pentagon, Washington, DC.



EDUCATION:

- 1984 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, CO
- 1990 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1992 Master of Arts in Human Resource Development, Webster University, St Louis, MO

1996 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2001 Air War College (in correspondence)
2002 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1984 - May 1985, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, MS
2. June 1985 - August 1985, C-141 Initial Qualification Training, 97th Airlift Wing, Altus AFB, OK
3. September 1985 - November 1989, Pilot Scheduler, Instructor Pilot, 41st Military Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
4. November 1989 - December 1990, Assistant Chief of Squadron Standardization/Evaluation, 41 MAS, Charleston AFB, SC
5. December 1990 - November 1991, WG Standardization/Evaluation Pilot, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, SC
6. November 1991 - May 1993, Chief C-141 Tactics, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Directorate of Operations, Scott AFB, IL
7. May 1993 - July 1994, Plans Officer, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Directorate of Plans and Programs, Scott AFB, IL
8. July 1994 - August 1996, Aide-de-Camp for Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL
9. August 1996 - June 1997, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. June 1997 - November 1998, Assistant Director of Operations, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
11. November 1998 - June 1999, Operations Officer, 437th Operations Support Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
12. June 1999 - February 2001, Commander, 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
13. February 2001 - August 2001, Deputy Commander, 437th Operations Group, Charleston AFB, SC
14. August 2001 - June 2002, Student, National War College, National Defense University, Ft McNair, Washington, DC
15. June 2002 - May 2004, Deputy Executive Secretary, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, DC
16. May 2004 - May 2005, Vice Wing Commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, SC
17. May 2005 - May 2007, Commander, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, DE
18. May 2007 - October 2008, Director, Air Force General Officer Management, Pentagon, Washington, DC.
19. October 2008 – present, Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight Hours: More than 4,600 hrs
Aircraft: T-37, T-38, C-141, C-17, C-5

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 oak leaf clusters)
Air Medal (with oak leaf cluster)
Aerial Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster)
Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 7 oak leaf clusters)
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (with 2 oak leaf clusters)
Combat Readiness Medal (with 2 oak leaf clusters)
National Defense Service Medal (with device)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with device)
Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 devices)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 30, 1984
First Lieutenant	May 30, 1986
Captain	May 30, 1988
Major	Dec 1, 1995
Lieutenant Colonel	Sep 1, 1998
Colonel	Aug 1, 2003
Brigadier General	Oct 8, 2008

(Current as of October 2008)