



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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### Maj. Gen. Samuel D. Cox

Maj. Gen. Samuel D. Cox is the director of Operations and Plans, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He is responsible for directing the deployment of forces and the distribution of supplies and equipment for humanitarian, peacetime, and wartime operations for the Department of Defense, including joint training, exercises, and war planning. In addition, he is responsible for force protection for USTRANSCOM and its components, and has operational control of the Defense Courier Service and the Joint Operational Support Airlift Center. He also provides associated policy guidance.

Maj. Gen. Cox graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in May 1984. Following undergraduate pilot training, the general served as a C-141 special operations low level II flight examiner aircraft commander, airdropping the initial insertion force into Panama for Operation Just Cause. The general has flown in support of multiple combat operations, including Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and deployed as operations officer with the 17th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron supporting Operation Allied Force. The general's staff assignments include Headquarters U.S. Air Force; Air Mobility Command; aide-de-camp to commander, Air Force Special Operations Command; and deputy executive secretary in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.



Maj. Gen. Cox has commanded at the squadron and wing levels. As the 14th Airlift Squadron commander, he led his unit to the Lt. Gen. Joseph Smith trophy for the most outstanding airlift squadron in Air Mobility Command. During his tenure as the 436th Airlift Wing commander at Dover AFB, Del., the general deployed to Southwest Asia as deputy director of Mobility Forces supporting operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Shortly after, Maj. Gen. Cox was the commandant of cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., responsible for cadet military training and airmanship education, supervising cadet life activities, and providing support to facilities and logistics for more than 4,000 cadets and 300 Air Force and civilian personnel. Maj. Gen. Cox was the commander, 618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Prior to his current assignment, he was director, Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics (TCJ5/4), USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

### EDUCATION

1984 Bachelor of Science degree, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1990 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1992 Master of Arts in human resource development, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.

1996 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2001 Air War College, by correspondence

2002 Master of Science degree in national security strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1984 - May 1985, student, undergraduate pilot training, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. June 1985 - August 1985, C-141 initial qualification training, 97th Airlift Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.
3. September 1985 - November 1989, pilot scheduler and instructor pilot, 41st Military Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
4. November 1989 - December 1990, assistant chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 41st Military Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
5. December 1990 - November 1991, standardization and evaluation pilot, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
6. November 1991 - May 1993, chief, C-141 Tactics, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
7. May 1993 - July 1994, plans officer, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Directorate of Plans and Programs, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
8. July 1994 - August 1996, aide-de-camp for the commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. August 1996 - June 1997, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
10. June 1997 - November 1998, assistant director of Operations, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
11. November 1998 - June 1999, operations officer, 437th Operations Support Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
12. June 1999 - February 2001, commander, 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
13. February 2001 - August 2001, deputy commander, 437th Operations Group, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
14. August 2001 - June 2002, student, National War College, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2002 - May 2004, deputy executive secretary, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.
16. May 2004 - May 2005, vice commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
17. May 2005 - May 2007, commander, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del.
18. May 2007 - October 2008, director, Air Force General Officer Management Office, Washington, D.C.
19. October 2008 - July 2010, commandant of cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
20. July 2010 - July 2011, commander, 618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
21. August 2011 – June 2012, director, Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics (TCJ5/4), USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
22. June 2012 – present, director, Operation and Plans, USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

June 2002 - May 2004, deputy executive secretary, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., as a colonel

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,600

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, C-141, C-17 and C-5

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with bronze and two silver oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze star  
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars  
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 Sept. 1, 1998  
Colonel Aug. 1, 2003  
Brigadier General Dec. 9, 2008  
Major General Jan. 13, 2012

(Current as of November 2012)