



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN L. DOLAN

Brigadier General John L. Dolan is the Commander, 451st Air Expeditionary Wing and Kandahar Airfield (NATO), Kandahar, Afghanistan. He commands a composite wing that includes air mobility; aero-medical evacuations; close air support; combat search and rescue; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and electronic attack assets in support of the International Security Assistance Force and Operation Enduring Freedom. He is also responsible to the Commander, ISAF, for the operational efficiency and readiness of Kandahar Airfield. General Dolan acts as Senior Airfield Authority and a task force commander-equivalent in defense of the airfield and the surrounding ground defense area, exercising centralized coordination of airfield operations, logistics, NATO assets, and real estate management while leading all force protection actions in defense of nearly 26,000 assigned and attached personnel.

General Dolan received his commission through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Northern Colorado, in 1986. He has held various squadron, wing and headquarters level positions in multiple overseas assignments to include instructing and commanding the U.S. Air Force F-16 Weapons School. He deployed as Vice Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Joint Base Balad, Iraq and commander 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Additionally he served on the Joint Staff for warfighter requirements, Chief, Senate Legislative Liaison, and Deputy Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.



Brigadier General Dolan is a command pilot with more than 3700 flying hours, including More than 400 combat hours earned during Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NORTHERN WATCH.

EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, University of Northern Colorado
1993 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
1996 Master of Aeronautical Science and Technology, Embry Riddle University
2001 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2006 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1986 - August 1987, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas.
2. September 1987 - January 1988, Student, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, MacDill AFB, FL.
3. February 1988 - December 1992, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, Assistant Chief of Standards and Evaluation, Misawa AB, Japan.
4. January 1993 – June 1993, Student, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, NV.
5. July 1993 – June 1996, F-16 Weapons Officer and Flight Commander, Spangdahlem AB, GE.
6. July 1996 – June 1999, F-16 USAF Weapons School Instructor, Flight Commander, Chief of Wing Scheduling, Assistant Operations Officer, Nellis AFB, NV
7. July 1999 - June 2000, Chief of Safety, Inspector General, 8th FW, Kunsan AB, Republic of South Korea.
8. July 2000 – June 2001, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
9. July 2001 – June 2002, Chief, F-22 Avionics and System Effectiveness, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA.

10. July 2002 – June 2005, Special Assistant to the Commandant, USAF Weapons School, Commander, 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV.
11. August 2005 - June 2006, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2006 – March 2007, Lead, Fixed Wing Applications, Force Applications, J-8, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. March 2007 – July 2008, Chief, Force Applications Engagement Division, J-8, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2008 – July 2009, Vice Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Joint Base Balad, Iraq.
15. July 2009 – May 2010 Chief, Senate Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. May 2010 – May 2011 Commander 8th, Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, ROK
17. May 2011 – Oct 2012, Deputy Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. Nov 2012-Present, Commander, Kandahar Airfield (NATO), Kandahar, Afghanistan & Commander, 451st Air Expeditionary Wing, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2006 – March 2007, Lead, Fixed Wing Applications, Force Applications, J-8, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. as a lieutenant colonel.
2. March 2007 – July 2008, Chief, Force Applications Engagement Division, J-8, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. as a colonel.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3700 hours with 400 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: F-16A/B/C/D, F-15E, T-37, T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant	14 June 1986
First Lieutenant	9 August 1988
Captain	9 August 1990
Major	1 May 1998
Lieutenant Colonel	1 November 2002
Colonel	1 September 2007
Brigadier General	2 May 2012

(Current as of Nov 2012)