

BRIGADIER GENERAL RONALD J. HAECKEL

Brig. Gen. Ronald J. Haeckel is Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. As the senior military officer assigned to the NNSA, he ensures the administration provides safe, secure and reliable nuclear weapons to meet Department of Defense requirements; directs U.S. nuclear stockpile maintenance and support functions; and provides oversight for all defense programs within the DOE.

General Haeckel earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Parks Air College, Ill. His operational missile combat crew experience was in the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile weapon system. As squadron commander, the generals unit was the first to transition from the Minuteman II to the Minuteman III. He also commanded the first follow-on operational test and evaluation missile launch in Air Combat Command, and was president of Air Force Space Commands first Safety Investigation Board.



General Haeckel has served in a variety of space and missile staff tours at the Air Staff, major command and wing levels. As wing commander, his unit won the 1998 Omaha Trophy, the 1998 Williams Award and 2000 Blanchard Trophy, and, he and Mrs. Haeckel received AFSPCs OMalley Award in 2000.

EDUCATION

1976 Bachelor of arts degree in mathematics, University of Missouri, St. Louis
1980 Master of arts degree in business, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks
1989 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1994 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1999 National Security Management Course, Syracuse, N.Y.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March - July 1977, student, undergraduate missile training, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
2. July 1977 - April 1980, missile combat crew instructor and standardization evaluator, 448th Strategic Missile Squadron, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
3. April 1980 - October 1982, emergency war orders instructor, 321st Strategic Missile Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
4. October 1982 - October 1983, Air Staff Training Program officer, Secretary of the Air Forces Staff Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
5. October 1983 - October 1985, future concepts staff officer, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
6. October 1985 - July 1987, missile and space arms control negotiator, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
7. July 1987 - July 1988, executive officer, Deputy Director for Regional Plans and Policy, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
8. July 1988 - May 1989, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
9. May 1989 - June 1991, Chief, Future Systems Branch, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
10. June 1991 - June 1993, Commander, 12th Missile Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
11. June 1993 - June 1994, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

12. June 1994 - June 1995, Commander, 12th Space Warning Squadron, Thule Air Base, Greenland
13. July 1995 - July 1996, Commander, 30th Support Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
14. July 1996 - April 1998, Commander, 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
15. April 1998 June 2000, Commander, 91st Space Wing, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
16. June 2000 August 2001, Vice Director of Plans, Headquarters U.S. Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
17. August 2001 present, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Military Application, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.

BADGES

Master Missile Badge with operations designator
Master Space and Missile Operations Badge
Weapons systems: Minuteman II and III, Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, Spacelift (Delta, Titan II and IV)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 24, 1976
First Lieutenant Dec 2, 1978
Captain Dec 2, 1980
Major May 1, 1986
Lieutenant Colonel Jul 1, 1991
Colonel Feb 1, 1995
Brigadier General Apr 1, 2002

(Current as of April 2002)