



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL W. DAVID DOCKERY

Colonel David W. Dockery is currently the Director of Staff-Air for the Tennessee Joint Force Headquarters, Nashville, TN. He plans and formulates executive support functions for the Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General-Air on all ANG issues and requirements as well as representing the National Guard in their absence. He provides oversight to three ANG flying wings and three non-flying units comprised of 1090 FT/3431 PT personnel. Directs and implements the policies of senior USAF, ANG, and State leadership, conveying command intent to the field. Col Dockery serves as senior manager for the Recruiting and Retention function for the TN ANG ensuring staffing meets end strength goals.



Colonel Dockery received his commission in April 1991 as a graduate of Academy of Military Science. After completing undergraduate navigator training, he transitioned to the KC-135E, assigned to the 151<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN. During this assignment, Colonel Dockery flew missions in support of Coalition ground forces in Allied Force and enforced no fly zones in both Northern and Southern Watch.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Dockery was the Deputy Director/Acting-Director, Plans and Programs (NGB A8A9) at the National Guard Bureau. He was responsible for the strategic planning and programming processes affecting more than 108,000 Guard members, 88 flying wings and 175 geographically separated units throughout the 50 States and territories. While assigned to NGB A8A9, he also served as Chief, Strategy and Force Planning Division. He also served as Deputy Director, Civil Support, Office of Assistant Secretary Defense/Homeland Defense at the Pentagon, Washington, DC. Responsible for identification of critical goals and concepts in the analytic agenda, policy, and strategic guidance, was a core member of President-directed National Homeland Security Plan and was a key contributor to the presidentially directed Integrated Planning System. Prior to OSD, Colonel Dockery was assigned to US Northern Command as a Strategic Concepts and Interagency Affairs Officer/ Legislative Liaison Officer, he represented the Commander and Staffs of USNORTHCOM and NORAD in the National Capital Region. He provided liaison to the Interagency, Congress, OSD, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau (NGB), Army Corp of Engineers, and Joint Forces Command for Transformation. His staff experience also includes Chief, Air/Land/Maritime Branch (J35), Chief, Operations Exercise Branch (J37) and Chief, Deployments Branch (A3); these duties included program manager for a multi-million dollar foreign military sales contract with NATO for air refueling and program manager for ANG personnel on Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams.

#### EDUCATION:

- 1988 Bachelor of Science (Aerospace Engineering) Degree, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 1996 Squadron Officer School (Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2000 Air Command and Staff College
- 2006 Air War College
- 2009 Master's Degree, American Military University

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. June 1991- March 1992, undergraduate navigator training, Mather Air Force Base, California
2. 1994- Faculty Advisor for Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tennessee
3. 1996 and 1997, Battle Staff Officer at the Combined Air Operations Center, 5ATAF, Vicenza, Italy.
4. May 1998 – August 1998, Executive Officer to the ANG Advisor to PACAF, HQPACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
5. November 1990 – December 1998, Navigator, 151 Air Refueling Squadron, Knoxville, Tennessee
6. December 1998 – May 2002, KC-135 Long Range and Short Range Scheduler for the Air National Guard, Andrews AFB, Maryland
7. May 2002 – May 2005, National Guard Homeland Defense Air Operations Officer and Chief, Air-Land-Maritime Branch, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia.
8. May 2005-July 2007, Interagency Coordinator/Deputy Chief, USNORTHCOM-Washington Office, Pentagon
9. July 2007 – May 2010, Deputy Director Civil Support, OSD/ASD HD & ASA
10. May 2010 – July 2011, Chief, Strategy and Force Planning Division, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, VA
11. July 2011 – April 2013, Deputy Director, Air National Guard Plans and Programs, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, VA
12. April 2013 –August 2013, Acting Director, Air National Guard Plans and Programs, National Guard Bureau, Joint Base Andrews AFB, MD
13. August 2013 – Present, Director of Staff-Air, Joint Force Headquarters Tennessee, Military Department of Tennessee, Nashville, TN

**FLIGHT RATING:**

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: 2,200

Combat Hours: 180

Aircraft flown: T-43, KC-135A, KC-135E, and C-130E/H

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

AF Outstanding Unit Award

AF Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Services Medal with one bronze star

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award with 1 silver oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 7 “M” devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)

Air Force Training Ribbon

NATO Medal

Tennessee National Guard Professional Development Ribbon with 1 oak leaf cluster

Tennessee National Guard War Service Ribbon

Tennessee National Guard Service Ribbon with 1 bronze star and bronze oak leaf clusters

Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Ribbon

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

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|--------------------|-------------|
| Second Lieutenant  | 11 Apr 1991 |
| First Lieutenant   | 27 Apr 1993 |
| Captain            | 27 Apr 1995 |
| Major              | 06 Aug 1999 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | 14 Oct 2003 |
| Colonel            | 29 Apr 2008 |