



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS J. KENNETT

Brigadier General Thomas J. Kennett is the Chief 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 as well as represents the Tennessee National Guard in their absence. He provides oversight to three ANG flying wings and three non-flying units comprised of 1090 Full-Time and 3431 Part Time personnel. Brig Gen Kennett directs and implements the policies of senior USAF, ANG, and State leadership, conveying command intent to the field.

Before his appointment as the Chief of Staff-Air, Brig Gen Kennett served as the Vice Wing Commander for the 164th Airlift Wing in Memphis, Tennessee. As the Vice Commander, he was responsible for providing oversight and direction to the Wing, comprised of approximately 1000 personnel, with over 300 military civil service and civilian employees.



Brig Gen Kennett received his commission in January 1987 as a graduate of the Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and received his pilot training from Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, in December 1987. He is a command pilot with over 5,000 flying hours in: T-38, KC-135A, KC-135R, KC-135RT, C-17, C-5, C-141, MD-11 & Boeing 727 Aircraft. Brig Gen Kennett served in an activated status for 12 months during Operation Enduring Freedom and was the ANG Advisor to the Commander, Air Mobility Command. In addition, he is an MD-11 Captain for FedEx.

EDUCATION:

- 1985 Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Ark.
- 1993 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1995 Masters of Arts in Computer Information Management, Webster University, St Louis, Mo.
- 2000 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2007 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January 1987 – December 1987, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. December 1987 - July 1991, T-38 Instructor Pilot, 86th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas

3. September 1991 - June 1994, KC-135 Instructor Pilot and Executive Officer to the Commander, 712th Air Refueling Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
4. June 1994 - July 1995, MAJCOM Chief, Regional Operations, 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
5. July 1995 – October 1996, Air Mobility Command Test Manager, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
6. October 1996 - November 1999, C-5 Flight Examiner, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 22nd Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
7. February 1997 – April 1999, Air Force One Advance Agent, Travis AFB, Calif.
8. November 1999 – January 2001, Chief, C-5 Pilot Evaluator, 15th Air Force, Travis AFB, Calif.
9. January 2001- May 2004, C-141 Evaluator Pilot, 155th Airlift Squadron, Memphis, Tenn.
10. May 2004 - September 2004, C-141 Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 164th Operations Group, Memphis, Tenn.
11. September 2004 – August 2006, Operations Officer, 155th Airlift Squadron, Memphis, Tenn.
12. August 2006 – September 2008, Commander, 164th Operations Group, Memphis, Tenn.
13. September 2008 – April 2011, Air National Guard Advisor to the Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
14. April 2011 - January 2014, Air National Guard Advisor to the AMC Commander, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
15. January 2014 – January 2015, Vice Wing Commander, 164th Airlift Wing, Memphis Tenn.
16. February 2015 – Present, Chief of Staff-Air, Joint Force Headquarters, Nashville Tenn.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight Hours: More than 5,000
 Aircraft flown: T-38, KC-135, C-17, C-5, C-141, MD-11, and Boeing 727

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster
 Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster
 National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Kosovo Campaign Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short
 Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)
 Air Force Training Ribbon
 Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Tennessee National Guard War Service Ribbon
Tennessee National Guard Service Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	January 16, 1987
First Lieutenant	January 16, 1989
Captain	January 16, 1991
Major	September 1, 1998
Lieutenant Colonel	January 10, 2004
Colonel	April 29, 2008
Brigadier General	January 28, 2015

(Current as of April 2015)