



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CAMERON DADGAR

Colonel Cameron Dadgar is the Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe – Air Forces Africa (USAFE-AFAFRICA) Warrior Preparation Center (WPC), Einsiedlerhof Air Station, Germany. The WPC is the premier Joint & Coalition integrated, multi-domain warfighter training provider for readiness in USAFE and AFAFRICA. The WPC prepares Joint, NATO and Partner Nations' warfighters to conduct innovative full-spectrum operations against a near-peer threat through strategic, operational and tactical exercises, advanced training, and professional education. Additionally, he oversees the USAFE-AFAFRICA Distributed Training Center, the USAFE-AFAFRICA Air Ground Operations School, the Inter-European Air Forces Academy, the European Integrated Air and Missile Defense Center, the multinational Tactical Leadership Programme and the tri-national Polygone Electronic Warfare Range.



He comes to the WPC from Peterson AFB where he last served as Director for the Joint Fires and Reconnaissance Center, J-32 Division Chief. There he led a division of personnel responsible for three major activities and guided all of the command's targeting and effects in support of Homeland Defense. In addition, he oversaw the strategy and allocation of all Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance platforms assigned to the USNORTHCOM Area of Responsibility.

Colonel Dadgar was commissioned following graduation from Purdue University. He spent his early years as an Astronautical Engineer launching Titan II and Titan IV Space Launch Vehicles. Following tours through initial pilot training, Colonel Dadgar flew operationally in the F-16 during Operations Northern and Southern Watch as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom culminating in multiple command tours at Nellis Air Force Base overseeing Advanced Warfighter Training and Premier Joint Exercises for the US Air Force. Additionally, during his tour in the Air Force Intern Program, he served on Joint Staff Operations Directorate and was on the SECDEF's speechwriting team. Finally, he served in the US Embassy-Turkey, leading EUCOM priority Theater Security Cooperation initiatives.

Colonel Dadgar is a Command Pilot with more than 2,500 hours in fighter, transport, and training aircraft and helicopters.

EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
1996 Master of Science Engineering Management, West Coast University, Los Angeles, CA
2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2003 Top Graduate, National Security Studies Program, Pentagon, VA
2003 Master's International Policy and Practice, The George Washington University, Washington D.C.
2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1995 - March 1997, Space Launch Officer, 4th Space Launch Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, California
2. April 1997 - October 1998, student, pilot training, 8th/25th Fighter Squadrons, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
3. November 1998 - August 1999, student, F-16 Initial Qualification Course, 61st Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona
4. September 1999 - May 2001, Chief, Life Support/ F-16 Pilot, 77th Fighter Squadron, Shaw Air Base, South Carolina

5. June 2001 - May 2002, Wing Electronic Combat Officer/ F-16 Pilot, 20th Operations Support Squadron, Shaw Air Base, South Carolina
6. June 2002 - July 2003, USAF Intern Program (Tours: Joint Staff/Joint Operations Directorate-CENTCOM; SECDEF Public Affairs/Speechwriting team; Air Force Personnel Policy/Rated Personnel), Pentagon, Virginia
7. August 2003 - May 2004, Asst Chief, Wing Scheduling/ F-16 Instructor Pilot, 27th Operations Support Squadron, Cannon AFB, New Mexico
8. June 2004 - June 2005, Flight Commander/ F-16 Instructor Pilot, 522nd Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, New Mexico
9. July 2005 - July 2007, Chief, Operational Requirements/ C-12 Pilot, Office of Defense Cooperation-Turkey, U.S. European Command, Ankara, Turkey
10. October 2007 - December 2008, Assistant Director of Operations/ Current Ops Flight Commander/ F-16 Instructor Pilot, 52d Operations Support Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
11. January 2009 - June 2010, Chief, Standardization and Evaluations/ F-16 Instructor and Flight Evaluator/NATO Tactical Evaluator, 52d Operations Group, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
12. July 2010 - October 2010, Director Weapons and Tactics/ F-16 Instructor and Flight Evaluator, 64th Aggressor Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
13. November 2010 - July 2011, Chief, Commander's Action Group/ F-16 Instructor and Flight Evaluator, United States Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nevada
14. August 2011 - November 2013, Deputy Commander/ F-16 Instructor and Aggressor Pilot, 414th Combat Training Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
15. December 2013 - December 2015, Commander/ F-16 Instructor and Aggressor Pilot, 549th Combat Training Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
16. December 2015 - July 2016, Deputy Commander/ F-16 Instructor and Aggressor Pilot, 57th Operations Group, Nellis AFB, Nevada
17. July 2016 - Present, Director, Joint Fires and Reconnaissance Center, J32 Division Chief, US Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado
18. July 2018 – Present, Commander, Warrior Preparation Center, Einsiedlerhof Air Station (AS), Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500

Aircraft flown: F-16, C-12, F/A-18, MH-60, Gripen, Tornado, F-15, AT-38, T-37, T-38, and T-3

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf cluster

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

California State Senate Recognition of Excellence

AFA Goddard Chapter Engineer of the Year (1995)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant January 16, 1995

First Lieutenant January 16, 1997

Captain January 16, 1999

Major May 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel Apr 1, 2010

Colonel July 1, 2016

(Current as of Oct 2018)