



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DANIEL J. WHIPPLE

Colonel Daniel J. Whipple is the Commander of the 127th Mission Support Group, Michigan Air National Guard at Selfridge ANGB, Michigan. The group is comprised of just over 500 Airmen and includes the Civil Engineer, Security Forces, Logistics Readiness, Communications and Force Support squadrons.



Colonel Whipple began his military career in January, 1986 when he enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard as a Heavy Equipment Operator. In 1989 he transferred to the 235th Air Traffic Control Flight, Indiana Air National Guard, to become an Air Traffic Control Operator. He was selected to become the Chief Air Traffic Control Officer in 1993 and was commissioned in 1994. In 1997, Colonel Whipple transferred with his unit to the Michigan Air National Guard. In April of that year he was hired full time to serve as a Civil Service Technician. He took command of the 235th Air Traffic Control Squadron in June 1998. In 2001 the 235th ATCS was deactivated and he was selected to serve as the 127th Wing Executive Officer. In November 2004 he transferred to the 127th Communications Squadron where he led the unit until 2009. In 2009 he transferred to the 217th Air Operations Group at Battle Creek, Michigan and took command of the 217th Air Communications Squadron which directly supported the 603rd Air Operations Center, 3rd Air Force and US Africa Command.

EDUCATION

1988 NCO Preparatory Course, ECI
1992 Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aero. Univ., FL
1994 Academy of Military Science, McGee Tyson ANGB, TN
1995 Military Airspace Management, Keesler AFB, MS
1995 Air Traffic Control Officer Training Program, Tyndall AFB, FL
1995 USAFGOS Joint Air Operations Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, FL
2001 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL Correspondence
2003 Air Command - Staff Course, Maxwell AFB, AL Correspondence
2009 AOC Initial Qualification Training, Communications, Hurlburt Field, FL
2010 Cyberspace Operations Transition Course, USAF Correspondence
2011 Certified Information Systems Security Professional, ISC²
2012 ANG Commander Development Course, Andrews AFB, MD
2012 USAF Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL Correspondence
2012 Air Force Forces Intermediate Staff Course, Ft Custer, MI

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1986 - January 1989, Heavy Construction Equipment Operator, 200th Civil Engineering Squadron, Camp Perry ANG Base, OH
2. January 1989 - March 1992, Air Traffic Control Operator, 235th Air Traffic Control Flight, Fort Wayne ANG Base, IN
3. March 1992 - February 1994, Air Traffic Control Supervisor, 235th Air Traffic Control Flight, Fort Wayne ANG Base, IN
4. February 1994 - April 1997, Air Traffic Control Officer, 235th Air Traffic Control Flight, Fort Wayne ANG Base, IN

5. April 1997 – June 1998, Air Traffic Control Officer, 235th Air Traffic Control Squadron, Selfridge ANG Base, MI
6. June 1998 - October 2001, Commander, 235th Air Traffic Control Squadron, Selfridge ANG Base, MI
7. October 2001 - November 2004, Executive Officer, 127th Wing, Selfridge ANG Base, MI
8. November 2004 – January 2009, Commander, 127th Communications Squadron, Selfridge ANG Base, MI
9. January 2009 – April 2015, Commander, 217th Air Communications Squadron, Battle Creek ANG Base, MI
10. May 2015—Present, Commander, 127th Missions Support Group, Selfridge ANG Base, MI

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 5 devices
 Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 devices
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Army Achievement Medal
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 2 devices
 Combat Readiness Medal with 2 devices
 Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 8 devices
 National Defense Service Medal with 1 device
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Air & Space Campaign Medal
 Air Force Longevity Service Award with 5 devices
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 devices
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with star
 Air Force Training Ribbon with 1 device
 Michigan State War on Terrorism Medal
 Michigan Legion of Merit with 2 devices
 Michigan Broadsword Service Medal with 4 devices
 Indiana National Guard Commendation Medal with 1 device
 Indiana Long Service Medal with 1 device
 Indiana Outside Continental United States Ribbon
 Indiana Military Voluntary Emblem
 Ohio Award of Merit
 Ohio National Guard Basic Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic	January 31, 1986
Airman	September 30, 1986
Airman 1st Class	March 30, 1987
Senior Airman	September 30, 1987
Sergeant	October 1, 1988
Staff Sergeant	February 16, 1990
Technical Sergeant	April 30, 1993
Second Lieutenant	February 17, 1994
First Lieutenant	March 10, 1996
Captain	March 18, 1998
Major	March 18, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	July 28, 2006
Colonel	May 6, 2015

(Current as of 8 May 2015)