



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MR. DONALD W. THOMPSON, JR.

Donald Thompson is the Deputy, Air Force Program Executive Officer for Fighters and Bombers, Fighter and Bomber Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for development, production, fielding, sustainment, and modernization of the fighters and bombers portfolio, which includes the A-10, A-29, B-1, B-2, B-52, F-15, F-16, F-22 and Special Programs. He is also responsible for organizing, training, and equipping the F-35 System Program Office.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Thompson was the Deputy, Air Force Program Executive Officer for Tankers, Tanker Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He was responsible for the planning and execution of all life cycle activities of the Air Force tanker fleet. His responsibilities included development, test, fielding and support of the KC-46 tanker system; in addition to modification and sustainment of the Air Force's tanker legacy tankers, the KC-135 and KC-10. He has also served as the Director for the Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation

Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio to which he assisted the Director in managing foreign military sales programs with totals exceeding \$138.3 billion supporting more than 102 foreign countries. As AFMC's center of excellence for international affairs, his responsibilities also included managing the command's international cooperative programs and its foreign disclosure policy. Mr. Thompson also served as Chair for the Miami Valley Combined Federal Campaign. In this capacity he exercised executive management of a regional charity drive that encompassed 75 federal organizations in eleven counties in Southwest Ohio that realized total contributions of over \$2.1 million in 2013.

Mr. Thompson began his Air Force career in 1988 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, as a Manufacturing Systems Engineer at the Aeronautical Systems Center. He has more than 28 years of experience in all aspects of system acquisition as an engineer and program manager on several programs to include Propulsion, National Aerospace Plane, Joint Unmanned Combat Air System (X-45), Global Hawk, F-15, C-130, C-27J and the Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures System.

EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, Tennessee State University, Nashville TN
1993 Master of Science in Management Science, University of Dayton, Dayton OH



2008 Air War College, by correspondence

2009 Program Manager's Course, Defense System Management College, Ft Belvoir VA

2010 Executive Program Management Course, Ft Belvoir VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 88 – Sep 91, Manufacturing Systems Engineer, Propulsion Systems Program Office, WPAFB OH
2. Sep 91 – Mar 94, Manufacturing Systems Engineer, National Aerospace Plane Program, WPAFB OH
3. Mar 94 – Nov 95, Manufacturing Systems Engineer, F-15 Systems Program Office, WPAFB OH
4. Nov 95 – Dec 98, Systems Engineer, Special Projects, F-15 Systems Program Office, WPAFB OH
5. Dec 98 – Mar 01, Program Manager, Special Projects, F-15 Systems Program Office, WPAFB OH
6. Mar 01 – Aug 02, Executive Support to Center Director, Aeronautical Systems Center, WPAFB OH
7. Aug 02 – Dec 04, Program Mgr, Sensors & Payloads, X-45 Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle, WPAFB OH
8. Dec 04 – Mar 06, Deputy PM, Common System Tech, Joint Unmanned Combat Air System, WPAFB OH
9. Mar 06 – Jul 06, Deputy PM, Engineering Manufacturing and Development, Global Hawk, WPAFB OH
10. Jul 06 – Oct 08, Deputy PM, C-130J Program Office, 657th Aeronautical Systems Sqdn, WPAFB OH
11. Oct 08 – Jun 10, Deputy Director, 866th Aeronautical Sys Group (C-130AMP/J & C-27J), WPAFB OH
12. Jun 10 – Apr 11, Chief, Tactical Airlift Division (C-130AMP/J and C-27J), WPAFB OH
13. Apr 11 – May 12, Deputy Chief, Aircraft Survivability Division, WPAFB OH
14. May 12 – May 14, Deputy Dir., Air Force Security Assistance & Cooperation Directorate, WPAFB OH
15. May 14 – Jan 17, Deputy, Air Force Program Executive Officer for Tankers, WPAFB OH
16. Jan 17 – Present, Deputy, Air Force Program Executive Officer for Fighters and Bombers, WPAFB OH

AWARDS

1997 and 1999 PEO Team of the Year for Fighters and Bombers

2000 and 2002 Exemplary Civilian Service Award

2007 Meritorious Civilian Service Award

2007 Armament Cooperation Team Award

LICENSES/CERTIFICATES

Acquisition Program Management, Level III

Systems Planning Research, Development & Engineering, Level III

Production, Manufacturing & Quality Assurance, Level I

(current as of Mar 2018)