



Reserve Forces Policy Board

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Colonel Donald W. Davenport is the Senior Policy Advisor for the Air National Guard to the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB), Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C. The Reserve Forces Policy Board serves as an independent advisor to the Secretary of Defense, providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary on strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency and effectiveness of the seven Reserve components.



Colonel Davenport previously served as the Chief, Mobility Operations Division, Air National Guard Operations, Air National Guard Readiness Center (ANGRC), Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, where he was responsible for the management and oversight of all personnel and equipment within specific functional areas to support operational planning and execution and served as the single key 3-digit coordinating official for the implementation of National Guard Bureau (NGB) policy for all ANG mobility weapons systems. He is a graduate of the USAF Air War College, Grand Strategy Seminar, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Prior to graduating from SDE, he served as the Commander, 191st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan. Colonel Davenport has multiple deployments in support of Operations FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, INHERENT RESOLVE, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science, Aviation Flight Science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2013 Master of Science in Administration, Public Administration Concentration, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

2015 Advanced Instrument School, Air Force Flight Standards Agency, Oklahoma City, Ok.

2015 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2017 Nuclear Management Fundamentals (MNUC200), AFIT School of Strategic Forces Studies. Kirtland Air Force Base, NM.

2017 Nuclear Leadership Core Course, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

2018 Squadron Commanders Course, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

2022 Master of Strategic Studies, Grand Strategy Concentration, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2024 Senior Leader Nuclear Management (NUC400), AFIT School of Strategic Forces Studies. Kirtland Air Force Base, NM.

2024 Leadership in Homeland Security, Harvard Kennedy School, Executive Education, Cambridge, Mass.

2025 Director of Mobility Forces (DIRMOBFOR) Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2004 – August 2005, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss, Training Air Wing Four, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas.
2. August 2005 – February 2006, C-130 Pilot Initial Qualification, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas.
3. February 2006 – September 2007, C-130E Pilot, 171st Airlift Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
4. October 2007 – February 2008, KC-135 Pilot Initial Qualification, Altus AFB, Oklahoma

5. February 2008 – June 2011, KC-135R/T Pilot, Scheduling Officer, 171st Air Refueling Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
6. June 2011 – June 2013, Plans Officer, 127th Air Refueling Group, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
7. June 2013 – April 2015, Training Officer, 171st Air Refueling Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
8. April 2015 – April 2016, Chief of Current Operations, 127th Air Refueling Group, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
9. April 2016 – April 2017, Chief of Standardization and Evaluations, 127th Air Refueling Group, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
10. April 2017 – May 2018, Chief of Plans, 127th Air Refueling Group, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
11. April 2018 – October 2020, Nuclear Crisis Action Team Director, 127th Wing, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
12. November 2018 – October 2019, Officer-in-Charge, 127th Wing Command Post, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
13. May 2018 – July 2020, Director of Operations, Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, 171st Air Refueling Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
14. July 2020 – July 2021, Commander, 191st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Selfridge ANGB. Mich.
15. July 2021 – May 2022, Student, Grand Strategy Seminar (GSS), Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. June 2022 – September 2022, Commander, 191st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Selfridge ANGB. Mich.
17. October 2022 – February 2024, Chief, Operational Plans Branch, ANG Operations, ANGRC, JB Andrews, Md.
18. February 2024 – April 2025, Chief, Mobility Operations Division, ANG Operations, ANGRC, JB Andrews, Md.
19. April 2025 – present, Senior Policy Advisor, Air National Guard, Reserve Forces Policy Board, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant September 26, 2003
First Lieutenant September 26, 2005
Captain September 26, 2007
Major November 15, 2012
Lieutenant Colonel November 6, 2018
Colonel February 23, 2024

(Current as of October 2025)