



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOHN C. CLAXTON

Colonel John C. Claxton is the Deputy Director of the Global Positioning Systems (GPS) Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He assists the Director with a multiservice, multinational systems directorate which conducts development, acquisition, fielding and sustainment of all GPS space segment, satellite command and control (ground) and military user equipment. The \$32 billion GPS program, with an annual budget over \$1 billion, maintains the largest satellite constellation in the Department of Defense.

Before assuming his current position he was the Commander of the 30th Launch Group, 30th Space Wing, Air Force Space Command at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. The Launch Group processes, tests, and launches boosters at the nation's west coast launch base.



EDUCATION:

- 1992 Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Fresno State University
- 1997 Master of Business Administration, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- 1999 Squadron Officer School, residence
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, correspondence
- 2006 Intermediate Development Education, Air Force Institute of Technology (MA-Logistics), residence
- 2010 Air War College, correspondence
- 2012 Program Managers Course, Defense Acquisition University

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1993 – April 1997, Chief Milstar Cost Estimator, Plans and Programs Officer, MILSATCOM Joint Program Office, Los Angeles AFB, CA
2. April 1997 – January 2001, Range Operations Commander, Instructor, Evaluator, 30th Range Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA

3. January 2001 – January 2002, Space Segment Manager, Space Based Laser Project Office, Kirtland AFB, NM
4. January 2002 – August 2004, Flight Commander, Director of Operations, Deputy Director, Space Vehicles Operations Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center Det 12, Kirtland AFB, NM
5. August 2004 – April 2005, Program Element Monitor, Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition, Washington, DC
6. April 2005 – June 2006, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
7. June 2006 – June 2008, Director of Mission, Director of Operations, ADF-E, National Reconnaissance Office
8. June 2008 – October 2010, Commander, MILSATCOM C2 Sq, Los Angeles AFB, CA
9. October 2010 – July 2013, Deputy Division Chief, FAB-T and Protected Satcom Divisions, Los Angeles AFB, CA
10. July 2013 – July 2014, Deputy Commander, 50th Operations Group, Schriever AFB, CO
11. July 2014 – July 2015, Director Customer Group, NRO Infrastructure Provider, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, VA
12. July 2015 – June 2018, Commander, 30th Launch Group, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, CA
13. July 2018 – Present, Deputy Director, Global Positioning Systems Directorate, Los Angeles AFB, CA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 AF Outstanding Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster
 AF Organizational Excellence Award with Bronze Star Device
 National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	21 May 1993
First Lieutenant	25 July 1995
Captain	25 July 1997
Major	1 December 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	1 December 2008
Colonel	1 March 2015