



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD H. EVANS, JR.

Maj. Gen. Edward H. Evans, Jr. is the Assistant Adjutant General-Air and Commander, Mississippi Air National Guard. He is responsible to the Adjutant General for directing Air National Guard operations, formulating, developing, and coordinating all programs, policies, and plans ensuring the mission readiness of the 172d Airlift Wing, 186th Air Refueling Wing, and the Combat Readiness Training Center.

General Evans received his commission in 1992 as a graduate of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Mississippi State University. He began his Air Force career as an active duty civil engineer before transferring to the Mississippi Air National Guard as a pilot candidate. After completing Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training and aircraft training, he returned to the 172nd Airlift Wing to fly the C-141B/C aircraft. He later served as a C-17A Instructor Aircraft Commander and held various duties throughout the Operations and Mission Support Groups including a two-year detail as Base Civil Engineer. He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. General Evans has extensive wartime, contingency and aeromedical evacuation operational experience, including over 725 combat hours supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Chief of Staff, Mississippi Air National Guard.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science Degree, Industrial Engineering, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss.
- 1994 Master of Science Degree, Information Systems Management, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, La.
- 2000 Professional Engineer, Mississippi State Board of Registration, Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2007 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2007 Mobility Air Force Mobile C2 Leadership Course, USAF Expeditionary Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2013 Air National Guard Commander Development Course, ANG Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2016 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, NORAD and USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Co.
- 2022 Dual Status Commander Qualification, NORAD and USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Co.
- 2023 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar Program Certificate of Completion, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Executive Education.
- 2023 National Security Management Course, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1993 – February 1994, Utilities Engineer, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
2. February 1994 – October 1995, Energy Systems Engineer 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
3. October 1995 – March 1996, Chief, Resources Flight, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
4. March 1996 – March 1997, Chief, A & E Design, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
5. March 1997 – March 1998, Pilot Trainee, Student Flight, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Miss.
6. March 1998 – March 1999, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
7. March 1999 – January 2003, C-141B/C Pilot, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
8. January 2003 – April 2014, C-17A Instructor Aircraft Commander and Assistant Flight Commander, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
9. August 2006 – August 2009, Commander, 172d Airlift Control Flight, Thompson Field, Miss.
10. August 2009 – April 2011, The Base Civil Engineer, 172d Civil Engineer Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.

ASSIGNMENTS CON'T.

11. April 2011 – March 2012, C-17A Instructor Aircraft Commander, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
12. March 2012 – April 2014, Commander, 172d Operations Support Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
13. April 2014 – December 2015, JACCE Director, 286th Air Operations Group, Key Field ANGB, Miss.
14. December 2015 – April 2017, Commander, 186th Air Operations Group, Key Field ANGB, Miss.
15. April 2017 – August 2021, Wing Commander, 186th Air Refueling Wing, Key Field ANGB, Miss.
16. August 2021 – March 2022, Director of Operations, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Miss.
17. March 2022 – April 2024, Chief of Staff, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Miss.
18. May 2024 – Present, Commander, Mississippi Air National Guard and Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Mississippi National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Miss.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,300 including more than 725 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-1A, C-141B/C, C-17A, RC-26B, KC-135R

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with nine oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air and Space Overseas Service Ribbon Short

Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Air and Space Longevity Service Award with silver leaf cluster

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 'M' Devices and silver hourglass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air and Space Training Ribbon

Mississippi Medal of Efficiency

Mississippi War Medal

Mississippi Service School Medal

Mississippi Longevity Medal with four oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Feb. 1, 1993

First Lieutenant Feb. 1, 1995

Captain June 10, 1997

Major Nov. 19, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel, Dec. 28, 2006

Colonel, Jan. 30, 2015

Brigadier General, Mar. 5, 2022

Major General, Jul 31, 2024

(Current as of September 2024)