

Brig. Gen. Russell D. Driggers is the Commander, 502d Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, which unifies 11 geographically distinct locations including JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Camp Bullis. The 8,000-person 502 ABW executes 49 installation support functions to enable the largest joint base in the Department of Defense, consisting of 266 mission partners, 80,000 full-time personnel and a local community of more than 250,000 retirees. The 502 ABW also manages and provides oversight for major projects, facilities and infrastructure worth \$37 billion.

Brig. Gen. Driggers commissioned in May 1995 as a distinguished graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He served in staff positions at the MAJCOM level and with the U.S. Mission to NATO, and commanded at the Squadron and Wing levels. Brig. Gen. Driggers also served as the Deputy Commander, NATO Mission Iraq and, prior to this assignment, was the Director, Air, Space and Cyberspace Operations for Air Force Materiel Command. Brig. Gen. Driggers' combat experience includes F-15C combat missions in support of Operation Allied Force and service as an Air Advisor in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

Brig. Gen. Driggers is a command pilot with more than 2,300 hours in the F-15C/D and T-38A/C.

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1996 Master of Arts, Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station

2007 U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

2008 Master of Arts, U.S. Army Advanced Military Studies Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

2012 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence

2014 Master of Science, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1996–January 1998, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

2. January 1998–July 1998, Student, F-15C Qualification Course, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

3. July 1998–January 2001, F-15C Pilot, 493rd FS, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom (February 1999–May 1999, F-15C Pilot, 493rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Cervia Air Base, Italy)

4. January 2001–March 2004, F-15C Evaluator, Flight Commander, 95th FS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

5. April 2004–December 2006, T-38A/C Instructor, Assistant Operations Officer, 90th Flying Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas

6. January 2007–December 2007, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

7. January 2008–January 2009, Advanced Military Studies Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

8. February 2009–February 2011, Chief Strategy and Doctrine, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany (September 2009–March 2010, 10th Air Force Air Advisor, 321st Air Expeditionary Wing, Camp Victory, Iraq)

9. March 2011–May 2013, Commander, 560th FTS, Randolph AFB, Texas

10. June 2013–June 2014, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2014–June 2015, Vice Commander, 501st Combat Support Wing, RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom
12. July 2015–July 2018, Senior Military Advisor, U.S. Mission to NATO, Brussels
13. July 2018–June 2020, Commander, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
14. June 2020–June 2021, Deputy Commander, NATO Mission Iraq, Forward Operating Base Union III, Baghdad
15. July 2021–April 2022, Director, Air, Space and Cyberspace Operations, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
16. May 2022—present, Commander, 502d Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2015–July 2018, Senior Military Advisor, U.S. Mission to NATO, Brussels, Belgium as a colonel
2. June 2020–June 2021, Deputy Commander, NATO Mission Iraq, Forward Operating Base Union III, Baghdad as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: 2,337

Aircraft flown: F-15C/D and T-38A/C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and “C” device

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1995 Distinguished Graduate, United States Air Force Academy

1997 Distinguished Graduate and AETC Commander’s Trophy, undergraduate pilot training

1998 Distinguished Graduate, introduction to fighter fundamentals

1998 Distinguished Graduate, F-15C upgrade training

2001 Commandant’s Trophy, Squadron Officer School

2008 Top Monograph, Advanced Military Studies Program

2010 Field Grade Officer of the Year, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe

2014 Distinguished Graduate, National War College

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1995

First Lieutenant May 31, 1997

Captain May 31, 1999

Major July 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel Feb. 1, 2010

Colonel Oct. 1, 2014

Brigadier General Sept. 2, 2020

(Current as of May 2022)