



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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MAJOR GENERAL JAMES P. CZEKANSKI

Maj. Gen. James P. Czekanski, is the Mobilization Assistant (MA) to the Deputy Commander, United States Transportation Command, and Director, Joint Transportation Reserve Unit (J9), USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. As the MA, he advises the Deputy Commander on mobilization and composition of reserve forces assigned to USTRANSCOM. As the J9 Director, he insures reservists assigned are ready to perform wartime and contingency duties.

The general was commissioned through the ROTC program at the University of Massachusetts. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz. He has more than 250 hours on 55 combat missions in the AC-130A in Southeast Asia. The general has accumulated more than 7,500 flying hours in the C-5A, C-141B, C-130A/B/E/H, HC-130H/N/P and KC-135R. He has commanded a numbered Air Force, two airlift wings, a tactical airlift group, and a rescue and recovery squadron. Prior to assuming his current position, he was the Commander of the Air Force Reserve's Fourth Air Force, and an Air Reserve Technician and member of the Senior Executive Service. He retired from Federal Civil Service on Sept. 1, 2003.



EDUCATION:

1968 Bachelor's degree in history, University of Massachusetts

1974 Squadron Officer School

1978 Master's degree in counseling and human development, Troy State University

1981 Air War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1968 - August 1969, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. August 1969 - October 1969, Student, C-130 combat crew training, Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn.
3. October 1969 - October 1972, Tactical Airlift Pilot, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
4. October 1972 - March 1974, AC-130A Gunship Aircraft Commander, Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand
5. March 1974 - August 1975, Instructor and Evaluator, AC-130A Gunship School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
6. August 1975 - July 1979, Instructor Pilot, Air Reserve Technician Program, later, Scheduling Officer, Tactics Officer and Chief of Standardization, 919th Special Operations Group, Eglin Auxiliary Field 3, Fla.
7. July 1979 - February 1981, Director of Operations, 756th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
8. February 1981 - February 1984, Chief of Safety and Director of Operations, 910th Tactical Fighter Group, Youngstown Municipal Airport, Ohio
9. February 1984 - April 1986, Chief of Tactical Airlift Operations, Headquarters 14th Air Force, Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga.
10. April 1986 - August 1987, Commander, 301st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.
11. August 1987 - August 1989, Commander, 913th Tactical Airlift Group, Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility, Pa.

12. August 1989 - July 1991, Vice Commander and Senior Air Reserve Technician, 315th Military Airlift Wing (Associate), Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
13. July 1991 - March 1992, Commander, 315th Military Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
14. March 1992 - May 1997, Commander, 439th Airlift Wing, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.
15. May 1997 - April 1998, Inspector General, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
16. April 1998 - August 2000, Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
17. August 2000 - October 2003, Commander, 4th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.
18. October 2003 - present, Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Commander, United States Transportation Command, and Director, Joint Transportation Reserve Unit (J9), USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 7,500 hours

Aircraft flown: C-5A, C-141B, C-130A/B/E/H, AC-130A, HC-130H/N/P and KC-135R

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Service Medal
 Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
 Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
 Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Recognition Ribbon
 National Defense Service Medal with service star
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Vietnam Service Medal
 Southwest Asia Service Medal
 Armed Forces Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal
 Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
 Air Force Training Ribbon
 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
 Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Saudi Arabia)
 Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Air Force Association
 Reserve Officer Association
 Order of the Daedalians
 Airlift and Tanker Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Jun 1, 1968	Lieutenant Colonel	Sep 30, 1985
First Lieutenant	Jan 21, 1970	Colonel	Aug 1, 1989
Captain	Jul 22, 1971	Brigadier General	Feb 1, 1998
Major	May 9, 1980	Major General	Nov 30, 2001

(Current as of November 2004)