



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARMELLA V. LAWSON

Lt. Col. Carmella V. Lawson is Commander, 819th Global Support Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N. J. The 819th Global Support Squadron provides combat-ready command and control, aerial port, and maintenance cadre in support of the national military strategy to protect and sustain combat forces worldwide. She commands and executes all airlift support operations at deployed locations during DoD exercises and contingency operations, provides load planning training, and conducts airfield surveys to support AMC's worldwide mobility operations.

Lt. Col. Lawson entered the Air Force in 1990 as a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Her career includes a variety of operational and staff positions including a tour as Director of Operations, 459th Airlift Squadron, Deputy Division Chief of Program Planning Division and Chief, Strategic Concepts and Transformation Branch, United States Air Forces Europe, and Executive Officer to the Commander, 374th Airlift Wing. She has flown more than 86 combat support missions in Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR, JOINT FORCE, ALLIED FORCE, DENY FLIGHT, NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM.



Lt. Col. Lawson is a command pilot with more than 3,100 hours in the C-21, UH-1N, C-141B, KC-135A/QR/T, and KC-10.

EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelor of science in engineering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2004 Master of Science in Space Operations, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
- 2004 Joint Air Command and Staff College, correspondence
- 2008 Air War College, correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1990 – June 1991, student, undergraduate pilot training, 96th/98th Flying Training Squadron, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. June 1991 – January 1992, student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, Castle Air Force Base, and Survive, Evade, Resist and Escape Training, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.
3. February 1992 – June 1994, KC-135A aircraft commander, 71st Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
4. June 1994 – June 1997, squadron executive officer, KC-135R Aircraft Commander, 344th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.
5. July 1997 – December 1999, flight commander, chief of training, C-141, 13th Airlift Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
6. January 2000 – July 2003, wing executive officer, operations officer/instructor aircraft commander C-21, 459th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan
7. August 2003 – September 2004, student, engineering department, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

8. October 2004 – August 2007, deputy division chief, program planning division, Chief, Strategic Concepts and Transformation, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany
9. September 2007 – July 2009, operations officer, 819th Global Support Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
10. July 2009 – present, commander, 819th Global Support Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,100

Aircraft Flown: C-21A, UH-1N, C141B, KC-135R, 1010135T, KC-10

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Armed Forces Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Humanitarian Service Medal
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	Jun 17, 1990
First Lieutenant	Jan 14, 1992
Captain	Jan 14, 1994
Major	Apr 01, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel	Apr 01, 2006

(Current as of September 2009)