



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRIS JENKINS

Lt Col Chris Jenkins is the Executive Director, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He is responsible for the 20-person Secretariat at Headquarters Air Force, which supports 50 leading scientists and engineers from industry, FFRDCs, national labs, and academia directly tasked by the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force to perform in-depth reviews of Air Force science and technology programs and conduct major studies on topics deemed critical by the Air Force.



Lt Col Jenkins was commissioned in 1999 as a graduate of the Air Force ROTC program at Clemson University. His assignments have covered areas such as research and development, flight test, and acquisition program management. Prior to his current assignment, he was the program manager for the \$200 million F-35 Lightning II helmet-mounted display program, responsible for the development, testing, and sustainment of the F-35 helmet-mounted display.

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
1999 Master of Science degree in human factors psychology, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
2007 Doctor of Philosophy degree in engineering, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
2011 Master of Arts degree in national security and strategic studies, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1999 – August 2003, Crew Systems Engineer, Air Force Research Laboratory Human Effectiveness Directorate, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
2. August 2003 – July 2006, Flight Test Engineer, 412th Test Wing, Edwards AFB, CA
3. July 2006 – July 2010, Program Manager, Force Development Information Technology, Directorate of Force Development, the Pentagon, Washington DC
4. July 2010 – June 2011, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI
5. June 2011 – June 2015, Program Manager, F-35 Lightning II Helmet-Mounted Display, F-35 Lightning II Program Office, Arlington, VA
6. June 2015 – present, Executive Director, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, the Pentagon, Washington, DC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal with two gold stars

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 15, 1999

First Lieutenant July 15, 2001

Captain July 15, 2003

Major June 1, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel November 1, 2014

(Current as of September 2016)