



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



## BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL R. TAHERI

Brig. Gen. Michael R. Taheri is the Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. As Commander, he leads the Air Directorate Staff in support of formulating all plans, policies, programs and execution of the Air National Guard's \$10 billion annual appropriation, enabling the mission readiness of 105,000 military and civilian personnel in 89 wings throughout the U.S, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. General Taheri is a principal adviser to the Director, Air National Guard on field-level resourcing, planning and execution. Prior to assuming his current assignment, he served as the 153rd Airlift Wing Commander, Cheyenne, Wyoming.



General Taheri was commissioned in May 1989 following graduation from the University of Wyoming. After completion of pilot training, General Taheri flew C-130s at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.; Yokota Air Base, Japan; and Little Rock AFB, Ark., as a Formal Training Unit Instructor and Evaluation Pilot. General Taheri joined the North Carolina Air National Guard in 1999, where he served as a C-130 evaluator pilot and Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System aircraft commander.

General Taheri has significant combat operations experience throughout the Central Command area of responsibility. He served as deployed C-130 Squadron Commander at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. He is a command pilot with over 4,000 hours of total flight time and a graduate of National Defense University. General Taheri has served in a variety of command and staff positions in Headquarters U.S. Air Force and Joint Staff assignments, to include serving as the National Guard Adviser for the Joint Chiefs of Staff Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate. In this capacity, he provided politico-military advice to the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters affecting defense support of civil authorities and homeland defense.

### EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Science in Political Science, University of Wyoming, Laramie  
 1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
 2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence  
 2006 Air War College, by correspondence  
 2008 Master of National Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.  
 2010 Foreign Politics, International Relations and the National Interest, Seminar XXI, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge

2011 National Security Studies Management Course, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.  
 2012 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. January 1990 - March 1991, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Vance AFB, Okla.
2. March 1991 - September 1991, Student, C-130 initial qualification, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. September 1991 - December 1994, C-130 Co-Pilot/Aircraft Commander, Pope AFB, N.C.
4. January 1995 - November 1997, C-130 Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, Yokota AB, Japan
5. November 1997 - March 1999, Instructor Pilot, C-130 Formal Training Unit, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. March 1999 - January 2004, C-130 Evaluator Pilot/Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems Pilot, 156th Airlift Squadron, Charlotte International Airport, N.C.
7. January 2004 - January 2005, C-130 Program Manager, Plans and Programs Division, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, Va.
8. January 2005 - May 2006, Chief, Mobility Programs Branch, and National Guard Bureau Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Officer, Plans and Programs Division, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, Va.
9. June 2006 - June 2007, Commander, 156th Airlift Squadron, Charlotte International Airport, N.C.
10. July 2007 - June 2008, Student, National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2008 - June 2009, Chief, Organization Management, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, Va.
12. June 2009 - June 2010, Director, Office of Human Resources, Andrews AFB, Md.
13. June 2010 - May 2011, National Guard Advisor and Chief, Defense Support to Civil Authorities Branch, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. June 2011 - June 2012, National Guard Advisor and Deputy Division Chief, Homeland, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2012 - August 2013, Vice Commander, 153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard, Cheyenne, Wyo.
16. August 2013 - June 2014, Commander, 153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard, Cheyenne, Wyo.
17. June 2014 - present, Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot  
 Flight hours: over 4,000  
 Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, C-130

### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Medal  
 Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit with oak leaf cluster  
 Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star  
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Humanitarian Service Medal  
 Air Force Overseas, long  
 Air Force Longevity with five oak leaf clusters  
 Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three 'M' devices and bronze hourglass  
 Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Sept. 11, 1989

First Lieutenant Sept. 11, 1991

Captain Sept. 11, 1993

Major Oct. 1, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 9, 2004

Colonel July 25, 2008

Brigadier General June 2, 2014

(Current as of December 2014)