



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID M. "TANKER" SNYDER

Brigadier General David M. "Tanker" Snyder is Commander, 6th Air Mobility Wing, and Installation Commander, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. As the Commander, he is responsible for more than \$2.8 billion in base property and capital assets, and controls an annual budget exceeding \$249 million. The wing's overall mission is to provide worldwide air refueling and combatant commander airlift in support of the Air Force's Global Reach, Global Power mission, and to provide support to Headquarters U.S. Central Command, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, and 49 other mission partners that call MacDill home. MacDill AFB, with its total economic impact of nearly \$6 billion, represents a major economic influence within the Tampa Bay community.



General Snyder entered the Air Force in May 1978 as a graduate of the US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, and earned his wings in 1979. General Snyder has commanded an airlift squadron and an operations group. He later served as chief of staff for the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, NORAD/USSPACECOM, and then Executive Officer to the Commander of US Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command prior to assuming his current duties. General Snyder is a command pilot, having logged more than 4,200 hours in KC-135R, C-37A, C-141, T-41, T-1, T-37, T-38 and AT-38 aircraft.

EDUCATION

- 1978 Bachelor of science in engineering (honor graduate), U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1982 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1985 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1986 Master of business administration (with distinction), The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Penn.
- 1986 Master of Science in engineering (systems engineering), School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Penn.
- 1996 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1978 – August 1979, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. November 1979 – June 1982, aircraft commander, and wing training officer, 30th Airlift Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
3. June 1982 – September 1983, aide to the commander, 21st Air Force, McGuire AFB, N.J.
4. October 1983 – August 1984, executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and installations, air staff training officer (ASTRA), Washington D.C.
5. August 1984 – June 1986, graduate student, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Penn.
6. July 1986 – August 1989, instructor, assistant professor, department personnel officer, and T-41 instructor pilot, Department of Management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
7. September 1989 – August 1990, executive officer to the superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

8. August 1990 – July 1992, action officer, chief of the joint and NSC Branch, Strategy Division, Directorate of Plans under the deputy chief of staff for Plans and Operations Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
9. August 1992 – August 1993, airlift forces program evaluator, Forces Division, Directorate of Programs and Evaluations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
10. August 1993 – June 1994, chief of safety, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
11. June 1994 – June 1995, commander, 8th Airlift Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
12. August 1995 – June 1996, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
13. June 1996 – February 1997, deputy commander, 14th Operations Group, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
14. February 1997 – January 1999, commander, 14th Operations Group, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
15. January 1999 – August 2001, chief of staff and director of manpower and personnel, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Space Command, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.
16. August 2001 – January 2003, executive officer to the commander, United States Transportation Command, and to the commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
17. January 2003 – present, commander, 6th Air Mobility Wing, and installation commander, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,200

Aircraft flown: KC-135R, C-37A, C-141 A/B, T-41C, T-1A, T-38, AT-38B, T-37

Pilot wings awarded June 1979

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1978

First Lieutenant May 31, 1980

Captain May 31, 1982

Major Mar 1, 1988

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 1993

Colonel Jan 1, 1998

Brigadier General July 1, 2004