



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KEITH R. DASTUR

Lt Col Keith R. Dastur is the Vice Commander and Director of Character Development of the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He oversees a one year academic, military training, athletic and character development program leading graduates to a possible appointment as an Air Force Academy cadet.

Lt Col Dastur earned a commission through ROTC from the University of Texas in 1986. Following graduation, Lt Col Dastur attended Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB. Upon completion of navigator training, he attended Combat Crew Training School at Castle AFB to become a B-52 navigator. Lt Col Dastur flew B-52Gs for 4 ½ years to include 29 combat missions over Iraq and Kuwait during Operation DESERT STORM. In 1992, Lt Col Dastur cross-flown into the RC-135 RIVET JOINT. For the next eight years, Lt Col Dastur flew over 160 Combat Support / Sensitive Reconnaissance Operations (SRO) missions throughout Europe, the Pacific, and the Middle East. In 2000, Lt Col Dastur was assigned to Combined Air Operations Center—Five in Poggio Renatico, Italy where he was responsible for leading the production of the Operation JOINT ENDEVOUR Air Tasking Order used to execute air operations over the Balkans region. In 2003, Lt Col Dastur was assigned to Headquarters United States Northern Command as a staff officer in current operations and an executive officer for the J-3 Director of Operations. In 2006, Lt Col Dastur served as the Director of Operations in the 612th Air Base Squadron at Soto Cano AB, Honduras overseeing the day to day operations of Central America's only C-5 capable airfield.

Lieutenant Colonel Dastur is a Command Navigator with over 4,000 accident-free flying hours in the B-52 and RC-135. He is married to the former Jennifer Johnson and they have 2 children, Abigail and Grant.

Education:

- 1996 Master of Science, Embry-Riddle University
- 1986 Bachelor of Arts, University of Texas in Austin

Professional Military Education:

- 2006 Air War College, non-residence
- 2003 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia
- 2002 Air Command and Staff College, non-residence
- 1994 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

Assignments:

- 2007-Present Vice Commander, United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School, CO
- 2006-2007 Director of Operations, 612th Air Base Squadron, Soto Cano AB, Honduras
- 2005-2006 Executive Officer, United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2004-2005 Chief, Training, Standardization and Evaluation, Joint Operations Center, United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2003-2004 Chief, Current Operations Air Division, U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2001-2003 Director, Airlift Element, Combined Air Operations Center Five (CAOC-5), Poggio Renatico, Italy

2000-2001	Chief, Electronic Warfare, Combined Air Operations Center Five (CAOC-5), Poggio Renatico, Italy
1998-2000	Assistant Director of Operations, 95 th Reconnaissance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK
1997-1998	Flight Commander, Plans and Programs, 95 th Reconnaissance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK
1996-1997	Executive Officer, 38 th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
1995-1996	Standardization/Evaluation Instructor Navigator, RC-135, 38 th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
1993-1995	Instructor Navigator, RC-135, 38 th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
1992-1993	Reconnaissance Navigator, RC-135, 38 th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
1992	Student, KC-135 Navigator Training, " Distinguished Graduate ", Castle AFB, CA
1991-1992	Radar Navigator, B-52G, 524 th Bombardment Squadron, Wurtsmith AFB, MI
1988-1991	Navigator, B-52G, 524 th Bombardment Squadron, Wurtsmith AFB, MI
1987-1988	Student, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training (SUNT), Mather AFB, CA

Major Awards and Decorations:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal—1 OLC
 Meritorious Service Medal—2 OLC
 Air Medal—1 OLC
 Aerial Achievement Medal—7 OLC
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal—1 OLC
 Joint Service Achievement Medal—1 OLC

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 United States Northern Command Officer of the Quarter, 4th Quarter
 2002 Combined Air Operations Center Five Officer of the Year
 1992 Combat Crew Training School (CCTS) "Distinguished Graduate"

(Current as of July 2007)