



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

DR. THOMAS J. GRIFFY

Dr. Thomas J. Griffy is Deputy Commander for the U.S. Space Force, Space Training and Readiness Command, Space Delta 13, located at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. In this role, he serves as the senior civilian responsible for all USSF education, including but not limited to, Officer and Enlisted Primary Military Education, Professional Continuing Education, and the Space Technology, Acquisitions, and Research Course at MIT Lincoln Labs.

Prior to this assignment Dr. Griffy served as the Director of Staff to the Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Cyber and Data (S6) where he synchronized policy, plans, positions, procedures and cross-functional issues for the U.S. Space Force S6 Staff. Prior to coming to the USSF, Dr. Griffy served as the Special Assistant to the Executive Assistant Director for Administration at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). In this capacity, Dr. Griffy was responsible for working hand in hand with the Deputy Assistant Directors and Chiefs of Staff coordinating and orchestrating large-scale projects that span various disciplines including, Information Technology, Laboratory Operations, Budget, Human Resources, Professional Development, and the ATF National Academy. Through his efforts he provided confidential advice and recommendations to and through the Executive Assistant Director to the Director of the ATF on all topics including the execution of a \$1.5B budget, \$5B in real property management, and over \$500M in Information Technology upgrades. His other assignments at the ATF included Chief of Staff to the Assistant Director for the Office of Professional Responsibility and Security Operations and as the Acting Deputy Assistant Director for Human Resources and Workforce Wellness.



Dr. Griffy began his career in the United States Air Force after earning his commission through the University of Tennessee's AFROTC program. While on active duty as a Security Forces officer, Dr. Griffy held various positions to include Officer-In-Charge of Nuclear Security Operations, Course Chief for the Security Forces Basic Officer and Apprentice Courses, and Operations Officer for the DoD's Military Working Dog School. Additionally, Dr. Griffy served as the Personal Security Officer/Executive Protection Lead for Iraqi President Jalal Talabani from September 2005 to April 2006.

His previous civil service experience includes serving as an Installation Management Specialist for the U.S. Army's Installation Management Command; Deputy Director of Security for the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission; Security Manager for the USAF Surgeon General; and Branch and Division Chief with the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency's Vetting Risk Operations Center. Dr. Griffy also served as the Deputy Chief of Personnel Vetting for the Department of the Navy, within the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Security and Intelligence, providing oversight for the DON personnel security investigation program, continuous evaluation/vetting, Trusted Workforce 2.0 vetting transformation, and all personnel security related systems spanning the Navy and Marine Corps. Dr. Griffy also serves as an adjunct faculty member at James Madison University where he teaches in the Honors College.





EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2011 Master of Arts, Military History, American Military University, Charles Town, WV
2019 Doctorate of Philosophy, Leadership Studies, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX
2024 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
2025 Leading Data and AI-Enabled Organizations for Executive Leaders, Johns Hopkins University, Laurel, MD
2025 Air War College (Online) Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (In-Progress)

ASSIGNMENTS AND CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 2003 – September 2005 Flight Commander, 377 Security Forces Squadron, Kirtland, AFB, New Mexico
2. September 2005 – April 2006 Executive Protection Lead, Personal Security Coordination Cell, Baghdad, Iraq
3. April 2006 – March 2007 Officer in Charge of Nuclear Security Operations, Kirtland, AFB, New Mexico
4. March 2007 – March 2008 Course Chief, Security Forces Officer Course, 343d Training Squadron, Lackland, AFB, TX
5. March 2008 – June 2009 Director of Resources, 343d Training Squadron, Lackland, AFB, TX
6. June 2009 – January 2010 Course Chief, Security Forces Apprentice Course, 343d Training Squadron, Lackland, AFB, TX
7. January 2010 – April 2011 Operations Officer, 341st Training Squadron, Lackland, AFB, TX
8. March 2014 – February 2016 Installation Management Specialist, Army Installation Management Command, Ft. Bliss, TX
9. February 2016 – November 2017 Deputy Director of Security, International Boundary and Water Commission, El Paso, TX
10. November 2017 – December 2018 Security Manager, USAF Office of the Surgeon General, Pentagon, VA
11. December 2018 – March 2020 Branch and Division Chief, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, Hanover, MD
12. March 2020 – December 2021 Deputy Chief of Personnel Vetting, Department of the Navy, Pentagon, VA
13. January 2022 – January 2023 Chief of Staff, Office of Professional Responsibility and Security Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Washington D.C.
14. January 2023 – September 2023 Acting Deputy Assistant Director of Human Resources and Workforce Wellness, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Washington D.C.
15. September 2023 – April 2024 Special Assistant to the Executive Assistant Director for Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Washington D.C.
16. April 2024 – July 2025 Director of Staff for the Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Cyber and Data, U.S. Space Force, Pentagon, VA
17. July 2025 – Present Deputy Commander for Space Delta 13, Space Training and Readiness Command, U.S. Space Force, Joint Base Andrews, MD





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MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Award
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with devices
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Force Recognition Ribbon
Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Ribbon with Gold Boarder

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2022 Special Recognition for Innovation and Cost Savings by the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Intelligence and Security
2006 Outstanding Company Grade Security Forces Officer of the Year, Air Force Material Command
2006 Lance P. Sijan Award Recipient, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM

