



# David J. Sanford

Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force  
Commander, Defense Supply Center  
Richmond and DLA Aviation

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Brigadier General David J. Sanford is the Commander of Defense Supply Center Richmond and Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, Richmond, Virginia. DLA Aviation is a major subordinate command of DLA and is the agency's combat logistics and supply chain manager for aviation and nuclear assets across the Department of Defense.

DLA Aviation is headquartered in Richmond and operates at 18 geographically separated sites across the U.S.

General Sanford's team is comprised of more than 3,800 civilian and military personnel supporting more than 1,700 weapon systems as the U.S. military's integrated materiel manager for more than 1.2 million national stock number items, industrial retail supply and depot-level repairable acquisitions resulting in over \$5.8 billion in annual sales.

Positioned alongside its military customers, DLA Aviation manages industrial support activities at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; Tinker AFB, Oklahoma; Hill AFB, Utah; Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina; Naval Air Station North Island, California and NAS Jacksonville, Florida.

DLA Aviation manages depot-level repairable procurement operations at Robins, Tinker and Hill Air Force Bases; Naval Supply Systems Command, Weapon Systems Support, Philadelphia; and at Redstone Army Arsenal, Alabama. DLA Aviation also operates an industrial plant equipment maintenance, repair and overhaul facility at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

General Sanford received his commission through the Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 1995. He graduated from Georgia State University, Atlanta, with a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing. He is a Joint Qualified Officer who performed duties as the Chief, Distribution Division, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He has served at all levels of command to include flight, group, wing, major command and combatant command levels. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Associate Director at the Directorate of Resource Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., where he assisted the director in the planning, programming and budgeting of weapons systems sustainment, vehicles and support equipment, logistics and installation resource requirements.

## **EDUCATION:**

1993 Bachelor of Arts, Marketing, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

1998 Master of Science, Logistics Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH

2000 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL

2005 Distinguished Graduate, Advanced Logistics Readiness Officer Course, Air Force Expeditionary Center, Ft. Dix, NJ

2007 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL

2008 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

2009 Air War College, Correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL

2013 Master of Science, National Security Studies, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.



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2014 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, NC

2015 Leadership Enhancement Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, NC

2019 Senior Acquisition Management Course, Defense Acquisition University, Ft. Belvoir, VA

## ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1995 – May 1997: Flight Commander for Materiel Storage and Distribution and Flight Commander for Supply Readiness, 23rd Supply Squadron and Executive Officer, 23rd Logistics Group, Pope AFB, NC
2. May 1997 – Sep 1998: Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Graduate Logistics Management, Wright- Patterson AFB, OH
3. Sep 1998 – Jul 2001: Chief, Supply Programs and Analysis, Logistics System Research Program Manager, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
4. Jul 2001 – Jul 2002: Flight Commander, Combat Operations Support Flight, 16th Supply Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
5. Jul 2002 – Jun 2004: Flight Commander/Installation Deployment Officer, Readiness Flight, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
6. Jul 2004 – Jul 2005: Chief, Logistics Officer Development, Air Force Personnel Command, Randolph AFB, TX
7. Jul 2005 – Jul 2007: Chief, Logistics Readiness Officer Assignment Team, Chief, Field Grade Officer Assignments, Randolph AFB, TX
8. Aug 2007 – Jun 2008: Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
9. Jun 2008 – Jul 2009: Commander, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Joint Base Balad, Iraq
10. Aug 2009 – Aug 2010: Chief, Logistics Panel Programs, Chief, Logistics Readiness Programs, DCS for Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support, HQ USAF, Washington, D.C.

11. Aug 2010 – Aug 2011: Logistics Panel Chair, DCS for Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support, HQ USAF, Washington, D.C.

12. Aug 2011 – Jul 2012: Chief, Corporate Branch, “AF Engine Room,” Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, HQ USAF, Washington, D.C.

13. Aug 2012 – Jun 2013: Student, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.

14. Jun 2013 – June 2014: Commander, 386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Southwest Asia

15. Jul 2014 – Jul 2016: Chief, Distribution Division, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL

16. Jul 2016 – July 2018: Commander, 635 Supply Chain Operations Wing, Scott AFB, Illinois

17. Jul 2018 – Jul 2019: Associate Director at the Directorate of Resource Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection, HQ USAF, Washington, D.C.

18. Jul 2019 – present, Commander, Defense Supply Center Richmond and Defense Logistics Agency Aviation.

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three OLC

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one OLC

Air Force Achievement Medal with one OLC

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Air and Space Campaign Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star

NATO Medal with bronze star

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 5, 1995

First Lieutenant May 5, 1997

Captain May 5, 1999

Major June 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel Mar 1, 2009

Colonel Oct 1, 2013

Brigadier General July 8, 2019