

COLONEL MATTHEW C. DIXON, PhD

Colonel Matthew C. Dixon is the Director of the Joint Reserve Directorate in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. As a member of the USAF Reserves, he and his team provide technical subject matter expertise to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

Colonel Dixon was commissioned through Officer Training School in 1996. He graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in mathematics and has since earned a master's degree in statistics as well as a master's degree and a PhD in Policy Analysis from the Rand Graduate School. Throughout his career he has had a variety of both active duty and reserve positions including duties of program manager, general's staff, researcher, chief analyst, US Air Force Academy instructor, and technical director. He published five papers on economic policy of aircraft maintenance.

As a civilian, he is a Chief Systems Engineer in the Special Programs Directorate at Los Angeles Air Force Base responsible for technical and programmatic aspects of several counterspace programs. Additionally, he owns and operates several restaurants and a commercial real estate business.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Wheaton College, Wheaton IL.
- 2000 Masters of Arts in Mathematics/Statistics, University of Montana, Missoula, MT.
- 2002 Squadron Officers School, in-residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.
- 2004 Masters of Arts in Policy Analysis, Rand Graduate School, Santa Monica, CA.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.
- 2005 Doctor of Philosophy in Policy Analysis, Rand Graduate School, Santa Monica, CA.
- 2015 Air War College, by correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1996 – November 1998, Program Manager, ICBM System Program Office, Hill Air Force Base, UT.
2. November 1998 – August 1999, Commander's Action Group, Hill Air Force Base, UT.
3. August 1999 – December 2000, Student, University of Montana, Missoula, MT.
4. December 2000 – September 2002, Instructor of Mathematics, US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO.
5. September 2002 – October 2005, Student and Researcher, RAND Graduate School, Santa Monica, CA.
6. October 2005 – March 2008, Chief of Analysis, Space Superiority Systems Directorate, Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA.
7. March 2008 – September 2012, Senior Systems Engineer, Military Satellite Communications Directorate, Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA.
8. September 2012 – Dec 2016, Space Situational Awareness Program Element Monitor, SAF/AQS, Pentagon, VA.
9. December 2016 – September 2018, Deputy Director, Joint Reserve Directorate, Office of the

Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, VA.

10. October 2018 – present, Director, Joint Reserve Directorate, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, VA.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant – March 15, 1996

First Lieutenant – March 15, 1998

Captain – March 15, 2000

Major – March 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel – August 23, 2011

Colonel – December 9, 2016