

## **James A. Hawkins**

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As the Deputy Director for Strategic Logistics (DDSL), James A. Hawkins ensures that the Title 10 U.S. Code responsibilities of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) involving logistics assessment and mobility analysis are performed to perfection. As the stresses on logistics forces and capabilities created by continuing overseas contingency operations have grown, the responsibilities of the Department of Defense have matured to support a wide range of military operations alongside a myriad of international and interagency partners. Both the 2008 National Defense Strategy and the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review call for continued “work with other U. S. Departments and Agencies, state and local governments, partners and allies, and international and multilateral organizations” with emphasis on the need to “continue improving the Department of Defense’s cooperation with other U. S. departments and agencies.” Additionally, the Capstone Concept for Joint Operations declares that objectives must be achieved via joint force unified action with interagency and multinational partners. Each of these strategic documents has created an unprecedented role for the Logistics Directorate in promoting the whole-of-government and establishing multinational partner approaches to support our forces in the field and in garrison to achieve national objectives. In his capacity as the Deputy Director, Jim Hawkins is absolutely essential in providing continuity and facilitating resolution of the logistics challenges that occur in an environment characterized by complexity, uncertainty, rapid change, and persistent conflict. He superbly represents J-4 equities when interacting with senior leaders across a wide range of DoD, Multinational, and Interagency organizations and partners, and provides the necessary expertise to effect long-term dynamic logistics improvements that support CJCS initiatives, drive Joint Force readiness, and maximize Joint Force Commander freedom of action.

Prior to his present appointment to the Senior Executive Service by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, James Hawkins served the United States Air Force more than 35-years, achieving the rank of Major General. He last served on active duty as Commander, 18<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Air Mobility Command (AMC), Scott Air Force Base, IL. As commander of AMC's war-fighting numbered air force, he was responsible for tasking and executing all air mobility missions worldwide, overseeing 12 wings, three stand-alone groups and the 618<sup>th</sup> Tanker Airlift Control Center. General Hawkins graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1973. His career highlights include commanding the 23<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 2nd Operations Group, 319<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, 89<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and the Tanker Airlift Control Center. He has also served as Vice Director of the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C., and Vice Commander of the 18<sup>th</sup> Air Force. Prior to his last military assignment, he was Director of Air, Space and Information Operations at Headquarters Air Mobility Command. General Hawkins retired as a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft. He was selected to pilot the first flight test of a global positioning system-equipped B-52G over the North Pole in 1985. In August 1994, he served as an instructor pilot on Global Power 94-7, a 47-hour, around-the-world, non-stop B-52 flight - the longest bombing mission ever flown.

### **EDUCATION**

1973 Bachelor's degree in engineering sciences, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY

1977 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

1982 Master of Science degree in systems management, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX

1986 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA

1992 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

1995 Seminar XXI-Foreign Political and International Relations, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

1996 Senior Officials in National Security Program, Syracuse and Johns Hopkins Universities

1998 Executive Program for General Officers of the Russian Federation and the United States, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. April 1975 - March 1978, B-52H pilot, 5th Bombardment Wing, and aide-de-camp, 57th Air Division, Minot AFB, N.D.
2. April 1978 - February 1980, T-38 instructor pilot and assistant flight commander, 54th Flying Training Squadron, Reese AFB, TX
3. March 1980 - February 1983, T-38 instructor pilot and assistant flight commander, 560th Flying Training Squadron, later, T-38 flight examiner, Air Training Command Standardization and Evaluation, Randolph AFB, TX
4. March 1983 - December 1985, B-52G aircraft commander and instructor pilot, 325th Bombardment Squadron, Fairchild AFB, WA.
5. January 1986 - June 1986, student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
6. June 1986 - June 1989, Chief, Bomber Branch, Directorate of Operations, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
7. July 1989 - July 1991, Commander, 23rd Bombardment Squadron, and Assistant Deputy commander for Operations, 5th Bombardment Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.
8. August 1991 - July 1992, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
9. July 1992 - February 1995, Deputy Commander, later, Commander, 2nd Operations Group, Barksdale AFB, LA.
10. March 1995 - June 1997, Chief of Staff, White House Military Office, Washington, D.C.
11. July 1997 - December 1998, Commander, 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
12. January 1999 - August 2001, Commander, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, MD.
13. August 2001 - December 2003, Vice Director, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
14. January 2004 - December 2004, Vice Commander, 18th Air Force, Scott AFB, Ill. (August 2004 - December 2004, Director, U.S. Central Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, Southwest Asia)
15. December 2004 - May 2005, Commander, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, IL.
16. May 2005 - November 2005, Director of Operations, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL.
17. November 2005 - July 2008, Commander, 18th Air Force, Scott AFB, IL.
18. September 2009 - Present, Deputy Director for Logistics, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 5,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, KC-135A/Q/R, B-52G/H, VC-137, C-32, C-37, C-21, C-20, C-9, UH-1

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars

Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)