



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### BRIGADIER GENERAL BENJAMIN M. CASON

Brig. Gen. Benjamin M. Cason serves as the Assistant Adjutant General –Air, Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He is a principle advisor to The Adjutant General of Pennsylvania Air National Guard matters. General Cason is responsible for the mission readiness and operational effectiveness across a broad spectrum of programs and activities involving over 4,000 military personnel serving at over five locations within Pennsylvania. In this role, General Cason oversees development of operationally trained, equipped, and mission ready forces in support of national defense requirements and emergency response, relief, and recovery operations throughout Pennsylvania. He is also the Air National Guard Assistant to Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia. In this “Dual- Hat” role he assists in the support of the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force, as they lead the development and implementation of policy directly supporting global operations, force management, weather, training and readiness across air, space and cyber fields.



General Cason graduated from The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1990. Following undergraduate pilot training, Cason was stationed at McChord Air Force Base, Washington, flying the C-141B aircraft. He has spent the majority of his career in special operations assignments. He has deployed extensively in support of combat operations, humanitarian assistance and peace-keeping operations worldwide. He is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours

#### EDUCATION

1990 Bachelors of Arts, The Citadel  
1998 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence  
2006 Masters in International Relations, University of Oklahoma  
2006 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence  
2012 Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, RI  
2013 Safety and Accident Investigation Board President Course  
2014 Level IV Antiterrorism Executive Seminar - Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, McClean, Va.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1991 - April 1993, Squadron Adjutant, 668th Bomb Squadron, Griffiss AFB, N.Y
2. May 1993 - April 1994, Assistant Wing Executive Officer, 416th Bomb Wing, Griffiss AFB N.Y.
3. April 1994 - May 1995, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
4. May 1995 - March 2000, C-141B Instructor Pilot, A Flight Commander, 8th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.5
5. April 2000 - March 2004, Instructor Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, Special Operations Squadron.
6. April 2004 - March 2007, Chief, Special Operations, Office of the Secretary, Department of State, Coordinator of Counter Terrorism, Washington D.C.
7. April 2007 - March 2009, Operations Officer, Special Operations Squadron.
8. April 2009 - March 2011, Commander, Special Operations Squadron.
9. April 2011 - June 2012, Student, College of Naval Warfare, Newport, R.I.
10. June 2012 - August 2013, Deputy Commander, Special Operations Group
11. August 2013 - November 2015, Vice Commander, 193rd Special Operations Wing
12. November 2015 - June 2018, Commander, 193rd Special Operations Wing
13. June 2018 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville Pa.; dual-hatted, May 2020 – Present, Air National Guard Assistant to Headquarters Air Force A-3, Washington, D.C.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight Hours: More than 4,500

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
Bronze Star  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Gallant Unit Citation  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service medal with one bronze star  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon  
Air Force Longevity Service with 5 oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Training Ribbon

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2007 U.S. Department of State Superior Honor Award

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 12, 1990  
First Lieutenant Oct. 21, 1992  
Captain Oct. 21, 1994  
Major Dec. 1, 2001  
Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2006  
Colonel March 1, 2012  
Brigadier General April 24, 2019

(Current as of November 2020)