



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## BRIGADIER GENERAL MITCHELL R. JOHNSON

Brigadier General Mitchell R. Johnson is the North Dakota National Guard Deputy Chief of Staff Air. He serves as an advisor to the Adjutant General on strategic planning, programs and policy. He oversees Air National Guard Staff assigned to Joint Force Headquarters. General Johnson represents the North Dakota Air National Guard at the national level on committees and provides liaison on National Guard Bureau Policy issues as requested by the Adjutant General.

Brigadier General Johnson was commissioned in May 1997 through ROTC at Michigan Tech, Houghton, Mich. He was selected for an Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institution Program and earned his Master's Degree in 1998. Upon completion of pilot training, General Johnson served in multiple flying assignments in AMC, AETC and AFSOC during his 12 years on active duty. He has commanded at the wing, group, and squadron level, and flown tactical airlift, special operations attack and remotely piloted aircraft worldwide. General Johnson has served overseas on six different deployments. Prior to his current assignment, General Johnson served as 119th Wing Commander. He is a native of Central Minnesota.

### EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich.

1998 Master of Science, Aerospace Engineering, AFIT Civilian Institution, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2003 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2016 Air War College, by correspondence



### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1997 – June 1998, AFIT Civilian Institution Program, Peterson AFB, Colo.
2. June 1998 – September 1999, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. September 1999 – January 2002, C-130 Pilot, Chief of Flying Safety, 50 Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
4. January 2002 – June 2005, T-37 IP, Flight Commander, Wing SATAF Officer, Vance AFB, Okla.
5. June 2005 – February 2009, AC-130U Aircraft Commander, Chief of Plans, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
6. February 2009 – February 2010, MQ-1 Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, Hector IAP, Fargo, N.D.
7. February 2010 – November 2011, Operations Officer, 119th Operations Support Squadron, Hector IAP, Fargo, N.D.
8. November 2011 – May 2012, Commander, 177th Airlift Squadron, Hector IAP, Fargo, N.D.
9. May 2012 – October 2014, Commander, 119th Operations Support Squadron, Hector IAP, Fargo, N.D.
10. November 2014 – March 2016, Commander, 178th Reconnaissance Squadron, Hector IAP, Fargo, N.D.
11. March 2016 – August 2018, Commander, 119th Operations Group, Hector IAP, Fargo, N.D.
12. August 2018 – March 2021, Vice Commander, 119th Wing, Hector IAP, Fargo, N.D.
13. March 2021 – January 2024, Commander, 119th Wing, Hector IAP, Fargo, N.D.
14. February 2024 – April 2024, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, JFHQ, Fargo, N.D.
15. May 2024 – Present: Chief of Staff, Air, JFHQ, Fargo, N.D.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 5,500, including more than 1,100 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: C-21, C-130 E/H3, MQ-1, MQ-9

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 16, 1997

First Lieutenant June 16, 1999

Captain June 16, 2001

Major April 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel November 30, 2011

Colonel May 25, 2017

Brigadier General April 30, 2024

(Current as of July 2024)