



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Brigadier General Tad J. Schauer

Brig Gen Tad J. Schauer is Assistant Adjutant General - Air at Joint Force Headquarters, 119th Wing, Fargo, N.D. His responsibilities include ensuring overall unit readiness and ability to rapidly provide Airmen to support operational plans and contingency operations. He also supports the state with domestic operations response capabilities when directed by the Governor of North Dakota. He serves as principal advisor to the Adjutant General for all matters pertaining to the North Dakota Air National Guard.

Brig Gen Schauer entered the North Dakota Air National Guard on February 1, 1986 as an airman in the Propulsion Branch of the 119th Component Maintenance Flight. He attended North Dakota State University and was commissioned through the Academy of Military Science, Knoxville, Tenn. He has over 37 years of military service. He was selected to command and stand up the 219th Security Forces Squadron, a first of its kind Total Force Integration Unit supporting the nuclear enterprise. Prior to his current position, Brig Gen Schauer served as the Director of Staff – Air, Joint Force Headquarters, North Dakota National Guard, Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, N.D.



EDUCATION

- 1987 Federal Aviation Certified Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, Dakota Aero Tech, Fargo, N.D.
- 1989 Federal Aviation Certified Multi-Engine, Commercial, Instrument Pilo, Fargo, N.D.
- 1991 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.
- 1991 Associate Degree, Jet Engine Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. February 1986 – February 1994, Jet Engine Mechanic, 119th component Maintenance Flight, Fargo, N.D.
2. February 1994 – September 1999, Operations Officer, 119th Security Police Squadron, Fargo, N.D.
3. September 1999 – October 2004, Commander, 119th Security Forces Squadron, Fargo, N.D.
4. October 2004 – November 2006, Flight Commander, 119th Component Maintenance Flight, Fargo, N.D.
5. November 2006 – June 2007, Commander, 119th Maintenance Squadron, Fargo N.D.
6. June 2007 – December 2018, Commander, 219th Security Forces Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
7. December 2018 – April 2021, Director of Military Support, Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, N.D.
8. April 2021 – January 2023, Director of Staff, Air, Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, N.D.
9. January 2023 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General – Air, North Dakota National Guard, Fargo, N.D.





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SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2018 – April 2021, Director of Military Support, Joint Force Headquarters, Fraine Barracks, Bismarck, N.D., as a Colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Short Ribbon
Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with nine oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 'M' devices and one hourglass
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze star
Air Force Training Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant February 17, 1994
First Lieutenant August 11, 1996
Captain November 7, 1998
Major November 17, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel May 6, 2007
Colonel July 31, 2019
Brigadier General January 31, 2023

(Current as of August 2024)

