



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



BRIG. GEN. RICHARD R. DICKENS

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Richard R. Dickens serves as a member of the Civil Air Patrol's Board of Governors. He is the vice commander, 1st Air Force, Air Forces Northern, and Air Forces Space, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, and serves as the principal adviser to the 1st Air Force commander.

As CAP's top governing body, the 11-member board consists of four U.S. Air Force appointees, three members appointed jointly by the secretary of the Air Force and CAP's national commander/CEO, and four members-at-large selected by CAP's Senior Advisory Group. The board moves CAP forward through collective decision-making to generate strategic policies, plans, and programs designed to guide it both today and tomorrow. It is assisted by CAP's national commander/CEO, the organization's chief operating officer and the CAP-U.S. Air Force (CAP-USAF) commander, who act as advisers..

Dickens supports the deployment, sustainment, and redeployment of U.S. Air Forces in support of U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Space Command, Defense Support to Civil Authorities, Theater Security Cooperation, Civil Air Patrol executing Air Force missions, inland search and rescue coordination, emergency preparedness, and worldwide contingency support for human space flight. As deputy Combined Forces Air Component commander for U.S. Northern Command, he ensures operational readiness of assigned, aligned, or gained forces for homeland defense, defense support to civil authorities, and theater security cooperation missions across North America.



Dickens received a bachelor's degree in English education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1994. He entered the Air Force through commission from Officer Training School in 1997 and is a graduate of both Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training in 1998 and Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training in 2002.

He is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the National War College.

Dickens is a command pilot and previous instructor pilot with more than 2,650 hours and 688 combat hours in the F-15E. He has participated in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel. Before his current position, he served as commander, 505th Command and Control Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida.

His awards include the Legion of Merit with one device, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with four devices, Air Medal with four devices, Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Award with one device, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five devices, Combat Readiness Medal with one device, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device, Iraq Campaign Medal with one device, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Korean Defense Service Medal.