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**Dayton Aerospace, Inc.**

Proven leader with 29 years of experience in program management, systems engineering and fleet sustainment. Direct program leadership experience at Aeronautical Systems Center, Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center, and the Pentagon. Successfully led multiple programs in every life cycle phase from developmental planning through fleet retirement. System Program Director for C-130, C-141 and C-5 aircraft fleets. Portfolio manager for all intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, special operations and unmanned aircraft fleets, including Global Hawk, Predator, U-2 and others. Deputy program executive officer for over 500 Air Force aircraft programs. Colonel, USAF (Ret).

**Principal Areas of Expertise**

***Program Management***

Senior program management experience in every type of aircraft (fighter, bomber, cargo, trainer, ISR, special ops and UAVs). Led three acquisition groups and was System Program Director three times. Guided F-22 program through development and operational test; initiated and awarded Raptor modernization program. Directed the X-35 team through successful concept development program.

***Fleet Sustainment***

Over six years experience leading depot sustainment teams. Led the C-5 team to highest ever availability rates, completely revamped maintenance strategy. Stood up organic depot capability for C-17. Resolved numerous C-130 supply and maintenance issues by innovative teaming with industry.

***Systems Engineering***

Experienced aeronautical, systems and reliability and maintainability (R&M) engineer. Certified aircraft battle damage engineer. Provided engineering support to 29 Class A mishaps.

***Portfolio Management***

Led the Air Force's largest acquisition wing with over 80 programs (10 acquisition category I). Deputy PEO for Aircraft with oversight of 500+ acquisition and sustainment programs.

***Acquisition Strategy Development***

Led numerous acquisition strategy teams for programs including B-2, F-22, Global Hawk, C-5, Predator, Reaper and C-130. Director of acquisition strategy for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program (JSF).

Position

Senior Associate

Education

- BS, Mathematics/Physics  
Cumberland College
- BS, Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering  
Air Force Institute of Technology
- MS, Systems Engineering  
Air Force Institute of Technology
- PSE, R&M Engineering  
Air Force Institute of Technology
- MS, National Security Strategy  
National Defense University
- Advanced & Executive Program Manager's Courses  
Defense Systems Management College (DSMC)
- Senior Acquisition Course  
National Defense University
- Air Command and Staff College
- Air War College
- Industrial College of the Armed Forces

Key Positions

**Commander**

303d Aeronautical Systems Wing

**Vice Commander**

Aeronautical Systems Center

**Commander**

730<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Sustainment Group &  
330<sup>th</sup> Strategic Airlift Sustainment Group

**Program Director**

C-130 Aircraft

**Material Group Director**

F-22 Aircraft

**Director**

JSF Acquisition Strategy

**Deputy Program Manager**

X-35 Aircraft

**Program Manager and PEM**

B-2 Aircraft

## Detailed Work History

2009 – present <i>Dayton, Ohio</i>	<b>Senior Associate</b> <b>Dayton Aerospace, Inc.</b>
2006 – 2009 <i>Wright-Patterson AFB, OH</i>	<b>Commander</b> <b>303d Aeronautical Systems Wing</b>  Commanded the Air Force's largest acquisition wing, 80+ programs including the USAF's reconnaissance, unmanned aircraft and special operations fleets. Managed over 1,100 employees at 13 locations and over \$20B in program execution.
2007 – 2008 <i>Wright-Patterson AFB, OH</i>	<b>Vice Commander and Deputy PEO for Aircraft</b> <b>Aeronautical Systems Center</b>  Provided oversight and guidance for 500+ acquisition and sustainment programs. Assisted the Commander with resource allocation, personnel actions and community activities. Led 11,500 employees and \$22B in annual execution.
2005 – 2006 <i>Robins AFB, GA</i>	<b>Commander</b> <b>730th Aircraft Sustainment Group and 330th Strategic Airlift Sustainment Group</b>  Systems program director for both C-5 and C-141. System sustainment manager for C-17. Led over 550 employees, more than \$58B in inventory and \$2B annual budget.
2004 <i>Robins AFB, GA</i>	<b>Program Director</b> <b>C-130 Aircraft</b>  Systems Program Director for the C-130 tactical airlift fleet of more than 1,300 aircraft with 23 variants and 62 foreign customers. Led over 350 employees, more than \$20B in inventory and \$2B annual budget.
2002-2004 <i>Wright-Patterson AFB, OH</i>	<b>Materiel Group Director</b> <b>F-22 Aircraft</b>  Group director for development and modernization of the F-22 Raptor (80 employees, \$1.3B annual budget).
1980 – 2002	<b>Director, JSF Acquisition Strategy, JSFPO, Washington, DC</b> <b>Deputy Program Manager, JSF X-35, JSFPO, Washington, DC</b> <b>Chief, Bomber Branch &amp; B-2 PEM, SAF/IAQ, Washington, DC</b> <b>Chief, Air Vehicle Integration Team, B-2, WPAFB, OH</b> <b>Program Manager, Airframe and Subsystems, B-2, WPAFB, OH</b> <b>Chief, Aerodynamics and Performance Section, Kelly AFB, TX</b> <b>Aircraft Flight Performance Design Engineer, WPAFB, OH</b>



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