



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DIANA L. JOHNSON

Colonel Diana Johnson is currently assigned as an Appellate Military Judge, Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals.

Colonel Johnson joined the North Carolina Army National Guard in 1988 where she was assigned to the judge advocate section as a paralegal. She was honorably discharged as an E-5 after graduating ROTC as a Distinguished Military Graduate and being commissioned a Second Lieutenant. While serving in the North Carolina National Guard as a Military Police Officer she worked as a civilian police officer in Wilmington North Carolina and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill prior to joining the Air Force in 1996.

Colonel Johnson is admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of North Carolina, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals.



EDUCATION

- 1990 BA Psychology, *magna cum laude*, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 1990 BS Criminal Justice, *magna cum laude*, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 1990 Military Police Officer's Basic Course, Ft. McClellan, AL
- 1991 Basic Law Enforcement Certificate, Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, NC
- 1996 Juris Doctorate, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2001 Squadron Officer's School (residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College (residence), Distinguished Graduate with Master of Arts in Military Operational Art and Science, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Air War College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1996 – February 1999, Chief of Administrative Discharges, Chief of Article 15 Actions, Chief of Contract Law, Lackland AFB, TX
2. February 1999 – January 2000, Area Defense Counsel, Mt. Home AFB, ID
3. January 2000 – June 2002, Circuit Defense Counsel, Travis AFB, CA
4. June 2002 – July 2003, Deputy Chief Circuit Defense Counsel, Travis AFB, CA
5. July 2003 – September 2004, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
6. September 2004 – July 2007, Chief Military Justice & Operations Law, Alaska Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command; Alaskan Command, U.S. Pacific Command; Joint Task Force Alaska, U.S. Northern Command; 11th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Elmendorf AFB, AK (September 2006 – April 2007, Deputy, Rule of Law Section, Provincial Reconstruction Team, Tikrit, Iraq)
7. July 2007 – July 2008, Student, Air Command and Staff College

8. July 2008 – July 2009, Staff Judge Advocate, Kunsan Air Base, Korea
9. July 2009 – July 2012, Staff Judge Advocate, 1 AF (Air Force Northern); U.S. Continental, U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Tyndall AFB, FL
10. July 2012 – July 2013, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate (Forward), U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Southwest Asia
11. July 2013 – July 2014, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Shaw AFB, SC
12. July 2014 – July 2016, Staff Judge Advocate, 633d Air Base Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
13. July 2016 – July 2019, Chief, International and Operations Law, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
14. July 2019 – Present, Appellate Military Judge, Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, Joint Base Andrews, MD

MAJOR AWARDS & DECORATIONS

- 1989 Distinguished Graduate and Commission Army ROTC
- 1998 Second Air Force Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year
- 2006 Pacific Air Forces Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year
- 2008 Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College (residence)

Bronze Star
 Air Force Combat Action Medal
 Iraq Campaign Medal (2 campaign stars)
 U.S. State Department Meritorious Honor Award
 Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon
 Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 Meritorious Service Medal (7 OLC)
 Air Force Commendation Medal (1 OLC)
 Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC)
 Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC)
 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (1 OLC)
 Korean Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant (Army)	14 May 1989
First Lieutenant (Army)	14 May 1992
Captain (Army)	7 Jan 1995
Captain (Air Force)	14 May 1996
Major	1 Nov 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	1 Nov 2008
Colonel	1 Mar 2014

(Current as of July 2019)