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BRIGADIER GENERAL
MATTHEW W. HIGER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE
CALIFORNIA

RETIREMENT CEREMONY



Sequence of Events

Welcome Remarks

Arrival of the Official Party

Posting of the Colors
National Anthem
Invocation

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Maj Gen Dertien

Medal Presentation

Reading of the Retirement
Orders

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MAJOR GENERAL EVAN C. DERTIEN

Commander,
Air Force Test Center

Major General Evan C. Dertien serves as the Commander, Air Force Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, California. He directs a 31-billion dollar enterprise of more than 18,000 military, civilian,

and contractor personnel across Edwards AFB, Eglin AFB, and Arnold AFB. The AFTC provides developmental test and evaluation of experimental and research, manned, and unmanned air, space, and cyber systems for the military services, DARPA, NASA, and international partners, in addition to operating the United States Air Force Test Pilot School.

General Dertien was commissioned in 1993 from the United States Air Force Academy. He served as an operational F-15 pilot and completed three combat deployments prior to graduation from the United States Air Force Test Pilot School. He then served as an F-15, F-16, and F-22 test pilot and was also assigned as an initial cadre instructor pilot for the first operational F-22 unit at Langley AFB, Virginia. General Dertien has served as a Flight Test Squadron Commander, Test Wing Commander, and various roles at the Center-level and MAJCOM.

General Dertien is a command pilot with over 3,100 flying hours in a variety of aircraft.



BRIGADIER GENERAL MATTHEW W. HIGER

Former Commander,
412th Test Wing

Brigadier General Matthew W. Higer most recently served as the Commander of the 412th Test Wing, Edwards Air Force Base, California. During that command, he led a wing of

nearly 8,000 personnel in the developmental test and evaluation of major weapon systems including the KC-46, C-17, F-35, F-22, F-16, B-21, B-2, B-52, T-7A, and RQ-4. Additionally, General Higer was the Installation Commander responsible for all base operations support for more than 19,500 active duty, reserve, civil service, and defense industrial base contractors at Edwards AFB, the second largest installation in the United States Air Force, and United States Air Force Production Plant 42.

General Higer earned his commission in 1993 from the Air Force Reserve Office Training Corps at the University of Southern California. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Army War College, the United States Naval Postgraduate School, the United States Air Force Squadron Officer School, and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. General Higer was previously the Commandant of the United States Air Force Test Pilot School, Vice Commander of the 96th Test Wing, and commanded two squadrons.

General Higer is a command pilot with 3,000+ military flight hours in 40+ aircraft types as an experimental test pilot, instructor pilot, and evaluator pilot.



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"I, Matthew Ward Higer, having been appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God."

– Oath Administrated by Col Patrick W. O'Brien, USAF, on 07 May 1993



11,195 DAYS OF SERVICE