



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL LESTER A. “JR” WEILACHER

Colonel Lester A. Weilacher is the Commander, 66th Air Base Group, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA. The Group supports the acquisition mission providing base, regional and readiness support for Electronic Systems Center, six Program Execution Offices, AF Research Laboratory and MIT Lincoln Laboratory. Support region includes eight operating locations, 122K sq miles, 350 programs with a \$4.2B authority, 7.5M sq ft of facilities and over 200 geographically separated units composed of 20K military, civilian, contractors, dependents and 155K retirees in the six-state New England area and New York.



Colonel Lester A. “JR” Weilacher was most recently the Senior Military Assistant for the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (USD(C)), Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Pentagon, Washington D.C. The USD(C) is the principal advisor to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta on all budgetary and fiscal matters, including the development and execution of the Defense Department’s annual budget of more than \$600 billion. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) also oversees the Department’s financial policy, financial management systems, and business modernization efforts. Colonel Weilacher was commissioned in to the Air Force by his father in 1989 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship program at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico. He has served as a budget officer, staff-level financial analyst, major command branch chief, and training squadron operations officer. Colonel Weilacher has also served as a deployed wing comptroller and has commanded two comptroller squadrons. In 2006, he led the 31st Comptroller Squadron at Aviano AB, Italy, to recognition as the Air Force’s Comptroller Squadron of the Year. He has served in Air Force Material Command, the Pacific Air Forces, Air Combat Command, Air Education and Training Command, United States Air Forces Europe, and worked at the squadron, center, major command, Air Staff, and OSD levels. He is married to the former Charlotte Kuehler of Sinton, Texas, and they have two children, Kathryn (13) and Logan (11).

EDUCATION

1989 Bachelors of Business Administration, New Mexico State University Las Cruces, NM
1991 Accounting and Finance Officer Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX
1994 Financial Management Staff Officer Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX
1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

As of: May 2012

1996 Master of Business Administration, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK
1997 Professional Military Comptroller School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2003 Master of Arts, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2007 Air War College (Correspondence), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2008 Certificate in Personal Financial Planning, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
2010 Master of Science, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1991 – July 1994, Deputy Accounting and Finance Officer and Budget Analyst, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan AFB, CA
2. July 1994 – July 1997, Chief, Financial Analysis Branch, 354th Comptroller Squadron, Eielson AFB, AK
3. July 1997 – July 2000, MAJCOM Budget Analyst and Chief, Comptroller Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA
4. July 2000 – August 2002, Flight Commander and Operations Officer, 364th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, TX
5. August 2002 – June 2003, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
6. June 2003 – July 2005, Commander, 325th Comptroller Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
7. July 2005 – July 2007, Commander, 31st Comptroller Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
8. July 2007 – July 2009, Chief, Budget Operations Execution Branch, Budget Operations and Personnel Directorate, and Executive Officer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Budget), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management and Comptroller, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. July 2009 – July 2010, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
10. July 2010 – July 2011, Military Assistant, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
11. July 2011 – May 2012, Senior Military Assistant, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
12. May 2012 – Present, Commander, 66th Air Base Group, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Recognition Ribbon
Iraq Campaign Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1996 Budget Officer of the Year, Pacific Air Forces
1998 Air Force Outstanding Contributor to Financial Management
2004 Comptroller of the Year, Air Education and Training Command

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 13, 1989
First Lieutenant May 13, 1991
Captain September 16, 1993
Major January 1, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 2006
Colonel June 1, 2011

As of: May 2012