



LIEUTENANT COLONEL DANIEL G. BENFIELD

Lt Col Daniel G. Benfield is the Director of Staff, Idaho Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Boise, Idaho. In this role, he serves as the principal advisor to the Adjutant General and the Assistant Adjutant on a broad range of matters concerning the United States Air Force and Air National Guard. Lt Col Benfield is responsible for diversified staff functions including Operations, Aircraft Maintenance, Logistics, Information Systems, Manpower and Personnel, Public Affairs, Recruiting and Retention, as well as providing ready Airmen to respond to stateside emergencies when called upon.

Lt Col Benfield graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2009 where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. He completed intelligence officer training in May 2010 and maintenance officer training in October 2023. Since then, he has held a variety of intelligence and maintenance positions primarily supporting the Combat Air Force and test and evaluation. He has served as the executive officer for the Commanding General, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation and Chief of Intelligence for the 391st Fighter Squadron. Prior to his current position, Lt Col Benfield was the Commander, 124th Maintenance Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.



Lt Col Benfield has deployed in support of operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

2009 Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Col.

2009 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2014 Masters of Arts, Global Security and Intelligence Studies, American Military University, Charles Town, W.Va.

2015 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2019 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala, by correspondence

2023 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2009 – May 2010, Student, Intelligence Officer School, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 2010 – September 2011, Deputy Chief, Training and Standards and Evaluations Intelligence, 366th Operations Support Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
3. September 2011 – May 2013, Chief, Intelligence, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
4. May 2013 – August 2014, Chief, Intelligence Operations Branch, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
5. August 2014 – May 2016, Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland AFB, N. M.





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

6. May 2016 – June 2019, Officer-in-Charge, A-10 Intelligence Formal Training Unit, 124th Operations Support Squadron, Gowen Field, Idaho
7. June 2019 – August 2022, Director of Operations, 266th Range Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
8. August 2022 – November 2025, Commander, 124th Maintenance Squadron, Gowen Field, Idaho
9. November 2025 – present, Director of Staff, Idaho Air National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters, Gowen Field, Idaho.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 2009

First Lieutenant May 27, 2011

Captain May 27, 2013

Major June 27, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel November 6, 2022

(Current as of March 2026)

