

Biography - David L. Stringer



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David L. Stringer is Director of the Plum Brook Management Office at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Appointed to this position on February 18, 2007, he plans, organizes, and directs the synchronization of test activities at Plum Brook Station, a 6,400 acre site 50 miles west of Cleveland. He also coordinates with managers at other NASA centers and the Department of Defense in support of critical research and development efforts to advance space exploration and maintain global leadership in aeronautics.

Stringer retired on January 1, 2007 as a Brigadier General after 32 years of active service in the United States Air Force. His final position was Commander, Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC), Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee. AEDC is the largest and most advanced complex of air and space flight simulation test facilities in the world and includes 57 test units in Tennessee as

well as the Hypervelocity Tunnel 9 in White Oak, Maryland, and the National Full-Scale Aerodynamic Capability low-speed wind tunnel at Moffett Field, California.

Stringer began his Air Force career in 1974 as an aircraft maintenance officer. In 1981, he was the first maintenance officer assigned to the 4477th Test and Evaluation Squadron, which flew three types of Soviet aircraft to prepare American aircrews for combat. He was assigned three commands as well as six overseas tours totaling twelve years, including the 1995 air war over Bosnia and the 1999 Kosovo War in the Balkans.

Stringer holds a Bachelor of Science in foreign service from Georgetown University and a Master of Arts in history from the University of Alabama. His executive education includes the Air Command and Staff College, the Keenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina, and the National Defense University. He was one of 12 selected annually in the Department of Defense to attend Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government as a National Security Fellow.

Stringer is a published author cited in numerous professional publications and journals, including Aviation Week and Space Technology. His awards include the University of Alabama's award for research and writing, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, as well as two Defense Superior Service Medals, two Legion of Merits, two Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, and two Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards.

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