



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

### DANIEL T. VON TOM

Mr. Daniel T. Von Tom is the Chief, Corporate Information Division, Air Force Research Laboratory, Space Vehicles Directorate, Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB), N.M. He leads a team of 50+ civilian and contractor employees supporting the Information Technology needs of over 1700 personnel in the Space Vehicles and Directed Energy Directorates.

Running the gamut, Mr. Von Tom has served as an Air Force Enlisted, Officer, Contractor and now Air Force Civilian. He has dedicated a large portion of his career to the Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirtland AFB. Initially serving as Deputy Program Manager, High-Altitude Balloon Experiment (HABE), Mr. Von Tom successfully led and transitioned this risk reduction effort to the Space Based Laser program.

Before entering public service, as a senior engineer for Northrop Grumman, Mr. Von Tom helped AFRL develop a premier satellite testing facility now used by multiple agencies running hardware through rigorous testing prior to flight.



Mr. Von Tom was selected to lead the Phillips Research Site's IT Division in January 2020.

#### **EDUCATION**

1998 Bachelor of Science, Administrative Management, Central Washington University  
1998 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2001 Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, College of Santa Fe  
2001 Masters of Business Administration, College of Santa Fe

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1992 – July 1994, Administrative Management Specialist, Moody AFB, GA
2. July 1994 - August 1996, AIC Administrative Management Specialist, ROTC, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
3. August 1996 – June 1998, Student, ROTC, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
4. July 1998 – June 2002, Deputy Program Manager, HABE, AFRL, Kirtland AFB, NM.
5. July 2002 – January 2007, Senior Engineer, Northrop Grumman (TASC), Albuquerque, NM
6. January 2007 – December 2015, CITO Special Projects, Directed Energy Directorate, Kirtland AFB, NM
7. December 2016 – January 2020, IT Senior Technical Advisor, Space Vehicles Directorate, Kirtland AFB, NM
8. January 2020 – Present, Chief, Corporate Information Division, Space Vehicles Directorate, Kirtland AFB, NM

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters  
Outstanding Airman of the Year Award  
Air Force Civilian Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

#### **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Information System Security Professional  
Certified Ethical Hacker