

Biography

Anthony J. (Tony) DalSasso is the **Chief Engineer of the U.S. Air Force Simulators Division**, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. In this capacity, he is responsible for leading a team of over 100 Government civilian, military, and contractor engineers and configuration/data management specialists, who perform technical management tasks in support of 45 training system acquisition and sustainment programs. These programs deliver and maintain a wide variety of simulators, training devices, courseware, instructional services, and support functions to operational flying units, providing the tools and infrastructure for the majority of the Air Force's ground-based aviation training.

Tony has over thirty-three years of experience in the Air Force simulation and training field, supporting various training system programs at Wright-Patterson. He began his career as a visual simulation specialist, concentrating on geospatial databases for image generation. In the early 1980s, his duties included participation in some of the first applications of computer image generation for Air Force training simulation. His first Lead Engineer assignment was on an effort to develop a common visual database standard. He then moved among a number of simulator programs, gaining greater breadth and assuming more system-wide responsibility. His last and most challenging program assignment was the F-22 Pilot Training System, on which he served as overall Integrated Product Team lead during its Engineering Development phase in the late 1990s.

In 2000, Tony was accepted into a competitive long-term, full-time training program, in which he earned his Master's Degree. Upon his return to the Simulators Division, he was selected for a series of leadership positions, serving as the Engineering supervisor in the New Business and then the Air Mobility program sections. He then moved up to run the Air Combat/Special Operations Engineering Branch in 2008, where he oversaw four Sections and over 25 programs. In 2014, he was chosen to serve in his current position as overall Chief Engineer for the Simulators Division.

In addition to his engineering management responsibilities, Tony maintains active contact with other members of the simulation and training community, both within and outside the DoD. He is the primary organizer of the Simulators Division's annual briefing to industry, and serves as the Air Force Principal for the annual Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference.

Tony holds a BS in Computer Engineering from Lehigh University, and an MBA from Wright State University. He is a graduate of the Air Force's Air War College correspondence program, and holds multiple Acquisition Professional Development Program certifications.