



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ROBERT L. BROWN

Colonel Robert L. Brown is the Vice Commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The 15th Wing provides the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and the Commander, Pacific Air Forces trained and equipped strategic airlift resources for contingency operations, tactical air supremacy assets with all-weather strike capability, and in-flight aerial refueling for United States and allied military aircraft. The wing operates the C-17A, C-37A, and F-22A aircraft, while also providing command functions to operate the airfield at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The wing, in partnership with the Hawaii Air National Guard, employs Total Force combat and peacetime support to operations across Hawaii and throughout the Indo-Pacific Theater.

Colonel Brown entered the Air Force after graduating from Colorado State University and receiving his commission through the ROTC program in 1998. He attended Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base (AFB), Okla., and F-15C initial training at Tyndall AFB, Fla. Colonel Brown's operational assignments include the 19th Fighter Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, the 493d Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath UK, and the 433d Weapons Squadron, United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev. He was Chief of Weapons and Tactics for the 493d Fighter Squadron when they won the 2007 Raytheon Trophy, awarded annually to the top air-superiority or air-defense squadron in the Air Force. Colonel Brown transitioned to the F-22A in 2007 as the Chief of Current Operations for the 422d Test and Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev. From there he was handpicked by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force as initial instructor cadre for the F-22A Weapons Instructor Course and served as the F-22A Chief Instructor, Director of Operations, and Commander of the 433d Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev. Most recently, Colonel Brown Directed the USAF Air Combat Command Commander's Action Group and the NORAD & USNORTHCOM Commander's Initiatives Group.



EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Microbiology/Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.
- 2000 Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base AFB, Okla.
- 2001 F-15 Replacement Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
- 2004 USAF Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Academic Award, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2012 Masters of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Masters of Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2018 Joint & Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1999-June 1999, Deployment Scheduler, 552d Operational Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
2. July 1999-December 2000, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. January 2001-August 2001, Student, F-15C Replacement Training Unit (RTU), 1st Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. September 2001-Oct 2004, F-15C Instructor/Mission Commander, Activity Security Manager, Stan-Eval Liaison Officer, Chief of Training, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
5. January 2005-December 2005, F-15C Instructor/Evaluator/Mission Commander, Chief of Stan-Eval and Assistant Chief of Weapons, 493d Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
6. January 2006-June 2006, Student, 433d Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. July 2006-January 2007, Chief Squadron Weapons and Tactics, 493d Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
8. February 2007-May 2007, Student, F-22A RTU, 43d Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
9. June 2007-June 2008, F-22A Instructor, Chief of Current Operations, 422d Test and Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

10. July 2008-July 2011, Flight Commander, Chief F-22A Instructor; Phase Manager for the Air-to-Air Weapons Employment, Basic Fighter Maneuvers, Air Combat Maneuvers, Tactical Intercepts, Dissimilar Air Combat Tactics, Advanced Combat Simulation, and Mission Employment phases, 433d Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. August 2011-June 2012, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. July 2012-June 2013, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. July 2013-June 2014, Operations Officer, 433d Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
14. July 2014-December 2014, Chief of Safety, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
15. December 2014-July 2016, Commander, 433d Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
16. July 2016-June 2018, Director, Commander's Action Group, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
17. June 2018-March 2019, Director, Commander's Initiatives Group, NORAD & USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colo.
18. March 2019-July 2020, Chief, Advanced Capabilities Employment Division J39, NORAD & USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colo.
19. July 2020-Present, Vice Commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2018-March 2019, Director, Commander's Initiatives Group, NORAD & USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colo. as a lieutenant colonel
2. March 2019-July 2020, Chief, Advanced Capabilities Employment Division J39, NORAD/USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Colo. as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 1,800

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-15C/D and F-22A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant January 17, 1999

First Lieutenant January 17, 2001

Captain January 17, 2004

Major Sept. 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel Feb. 1, 2014

Colonel March 1, 2019

(Current as of August 2020)