



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ANDREW J. CAMACHO

Col Andrew J. Camacho is the Wing Commander at 147th Attack Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas. He is responsible for organizing, training, equipping, and maintaining combat ready forces for rapid deployment and employment on wartime missions for over 1,000 citizen-Airmen. The wing maintains and operates MQ-9 remotely piloted aircraft for worldwide attack and reconnaissance operations, provides Joint Terminal Attack Control, and provides agile, full-spectrum Expeditionary Combat Support.

Col Camacho received his commission through the Air National Guard-Academy of Military Science, after graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 1998. He completed Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas, in 2000, and was assigned to the 128th Air Refueling Wing at General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as a KC-135R pilot. In 2005, he was selected by Headquarters, Texas Air National Guard to serve as initial cadre to the 147th Reconnaissance Wing's unit conversion to MQ-1B Predator operations. As initial cadre, Col Camacho was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, between 2005-2008, where he served as an instructor pilot for both the 11th and 15th Reconnaissance Squadrons returning to Ellington Field in the spring of 2008 to facilitate unit conversion. Col



Camacho served in various positions to include: Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Flight Commander for the 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, Chief of Standards and Evaluation for the 147th Operations Group, Inspector General for the 147th Attack Wing and RC-26 Program Manager for the 147th Operations Group. In addition, Col Camacho is a Command Pilot and has deployed in support of Operations ALLIED FORCE, NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, FREEDOM SENTINEL, RESOLUTE SUPPORT, INHERENT RESOLVE and GUARDIAN SUPPORT.

Prior to his current position, Col Camacho served as the Vice Commander for the 147th Attack Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas.

EDUCATION

- 1993 USAF Aerospace Maintenance School, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- 1995 USAF Airman Leadership School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 1997 USAF Non Commissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 1998 Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
- 1999 Master of Science, Corporate and Public Communication, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Wis.
- 1999 Air National Guard Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard, Tenn.
- 2000 USAF KC-135R Pilot Initial Qualification Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
- 2004 USAF KC-135R Aircraft Commander Upgrade Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
- 2005 USAF Joint Firepower Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2005 USAF Predator Flying Training Unit Pilot Course, Creech AFB, Nev.
- 2007 USAF Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2010 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2013 USAF Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

EDUCATION, cont.

- 2015 USAF Inspector General Training Course-Inspections, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2016 USAF Inspector General Training Course-Complaints Resolution, Washington D.C.
- 2017 USAF Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2018 USAF RC-26B Pilot Initial Qualification Course, Key Field, Miss.
- 2020 USAF Commander Development Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2021 United States Northern Command Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, Fort Carson, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1992-January 1999, Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, 128th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee Wis.
2. February 1999-January 2005, Pilot, 126th Air Refueling Squadron, General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee Wis.
3. January 2005-March 2006, Instructor Pilot, 11th Reconnaissance Squadron, Creech Air Force Base, Indian Springs, Nev.
4. March 2006-December 2007, Instructor Pilot, 15th Reconnaissance Squadron, Creech AFB, Indian Springs, Nev.
5. December 2007-April 2009, Chief of Scheduling, 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Texas
6. April 2009-October 2011, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
7. October 2011-June 2013, Chief of Standards and Evaluation, 147th Operations Group, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
8. June 2013-September 2015, Flight Commander, 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
9. September 2015-July 2018, Wing Inspector General, 147th Attack Wing, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
10. July 2018-March 2019, RC-26 Program Manager, 147th Operations Group, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
11. April 2019-January 2021, Vice Wing Commander, 147th Attack Wing, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
12. February 2021-Present, Wing Commander, 147th Attack Wing, Ellington Field JRB, Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4500 flying hours with more than 180 combat hours

Aircraft flown: KC-135R, MQ-1B, MQ-9 and RC-26B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with twenty oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Texas Outstanding Service Medal

Texas Medal of Merit

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Military Officers Association of America

National Guard Association of Texas, Life Member

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman, Mar. 1, 1994

Airman First Class, Dec. 15, 1994

Senior Airman, July 15, 1994

Staff Sergeant, Aug. 15, 1998

Second Lieutenant, Feb. 26, 1999

First Lieutenant, Feb. 26, 2001

Captain, Feb. 26, 2003

Major, Jan. 11, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel, April 28, 2014

Colonel, July 31, 2019

(CURRENT AS OF FEBRUARY 2021)