



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DANIEL P. YURASEK

Col Daniel P. Yurasek is the Commander, 147th Operations Group (OG), 147th Attack Wing (ATKW), Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base (JRB), Houston, Texas. The 147 OG includes four squadrons, one weather flight, one geographically separated detachment, and one flying program. These units execute dynamic and time-sensitive global MQ-9 armed reconnaissance, MQ-9 launch and recovery, aircraft maintenance, combat air support operations, RC-26 counterdrug interdiction, combat weather support, and Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) primary instruction. The 147 OG missions are conducted via MQ-9 and RC-26 aircraft, Tactical Air Control Party teams, aircraft maintenance, RPA instructors, and weather technicians for both federal and state missions in joint operations. He is also responsible for the training, combat readiness and professional development for hundreds of personnel, and a \$1,500,000 budget.

Col Yurasek received his commission in the Air Force through Reserve Officers' Training Corps after graduating from Texas A&M University in 1997. In 1999, he completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas and C-141B Initial Qualification Course at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma in 2000. In 2001 Col Yurasek attended C-17A Initial Qualification Course and then C-17A Aircraft Commander Course in 2002. He then attended T-37B Pilot Instructor Training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas in 2003 and was assigned as a T-37B Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Phase II Instructor at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Col Yurasek separated from active duty in 2007 and joined the Air Force Reserves as a T-37B Instructor Pilot at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. In 2008 he transitioned to the T-6A aircraft still serving in the Air Force Reserves, then joined the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington Field JRB in 2011 as an MQ-1B Pilot. Prior to his current assignment, Col Yurasek was the Commander of the 147th Operations Support Squadron at Ellington Field JRB.



Col Yurasek is a command pilot with over 6,000 military flight hours. He has served as Chief of Training, Squadron Executive Officer, Flight Commander, Chief of Squadron Standardizations/Evaluations, Expeditionary Air Operations Director, Assistant Director of Operations, Squadron Commander, and Operations Group Commander; he has flown combat missions in Operations JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, INHERENT RESOLVE, and NOMAD SHADOW. Col Yurasek is a Drill Status Guardsman and serves as a First Officer with United Airlines where he has flown the Boeing 737, 757, 767 and Airbus 320 aircraft.

EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Business Administration, Mgmt Information Systems, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
- 1998 Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB), Del Rio, Texas.
- 2004 Squadron Officer School In-Residence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
- 2019 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
- 2020 National Security Studies Senior Management Course, Syracuse University, New York.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1998 – December 1999, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 86th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
2. December 1999 – October 2001, C-141B First Pilot, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
3. October 2001 – October 2003, C-17A Aircraft Commander and Chief of Training, 8th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
4. October 2003 – June 2004, T-37B Instructor Pilot and Executive Officer, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
5. June 2004 – August 2005, T-37B Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
6. August 2005 – July 2006, T-37B Evaluator Pilot and Chief of Standardizations/Evaluations, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
7. July 2006 – September 2007, T-37B Evaluator Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
8. September 2007– January 2011, T-6A Instructor Pilot, 43rd Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
9. January 2011 – March 2015, MQ-1B Pilot, 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base (JRB), Texas
10. March 2015 – July 2016, MQ-1B Instructor Pilot and Chief of Squadron Scheduling, 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
11. July 2016 – September 2017, MQ-1B Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, 111th Attack Squadron, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
12. September 2017 – December 2018, Commander, 147th Operations Support Squadron, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
8. December 2018 – Present, Commander, 147th Operations Group, Ellington Field JRB, Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 6,000 and 300 combat

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-38C, T-1A, T-6A, C-141B, C-17A, MQ-1B, MQ-9A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with eighteen oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

AF Outstanding Unit Award with eight oak leaf clusters

Kosovo Campaign Medal with one bronze star device

Humanitarian Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Texas Governor's Unit Citation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant March 29, 1998

First Lieutenant March 29, 2000

Captain March 29, 2002

Major August 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel August 1, 2014

Colonel April 25, 2021

(Current as of June 2021)