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COLONEL KELLY L. BEAN

Colonel Kelly L. Bean is the Deputy Commander at the 147th Attack Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas. She assists the Commander in organizing, training, equipping, and maintaining combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment in wartime missions with more than 1,085 guardsmen in support of Joint Terminal Attack, MQ-9 Reaper, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Expeditionary Combat Support missions.

The Colonel entered the Air Force in 2003 as a graduate of the University of Alaska-Anchorage ROTC program. While on active duty at Fairchild Air Force Base, she started her career as a Services Officer in the 92d Services Squadron. In 2006, she joined the Air National Guard, 141st Services Flight, and cross-trained in 2008 into the 141st Security Forces Squadron as the Operations Officer. In this position, she participated in Detainee Movement Operations from Guantanamo Bay and deployed for six months to Baghdad, Iraq. In 2010, she assumed command of the 141st Security Forces Squadron. In 2013, she was selected by the Washington State Adjutant General under the state development program to serve at the National Guard Bureau, whereas Branch Chief, she oversaw six military and civilian personnel responsible for the Integrated Defense, Antiterrorism/Force Protection, Police Services, and Nuclear Security programs for over 7,300 Air National Guard Security Forces Defenders. In 2017, she assumed command of the 147th Security Forces Squadron, where she enhanced the readiness and lethality of over 90 combat ready Defenders and mission capable State Officers. In 2021, she assumed command of the 147th Force Support Squadron, where she organized, trained, and equipped 62 customer service professionals, for rapid deployment and employment in support of wartime and peacetime missions. Prior to her current position, the Colonel was the Commander, 147th Mission Support Group, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas.



EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Arts, History, University of Alaska-Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska
2003 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.
2006 Master of Arts, Organizational Leadership, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.
2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2017 Master of Military Operational Art & Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2021 Master of Strategic Studies, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2003 – August 2006, Services Officer, 92D Services Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.
2. August 2006 – April 2008, Services Officer, 141st Services Flight, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
3. April 2008 – April 2010, Operations Officer, 141st Security Forces Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash. (July 2009 – April 2010, Operations Officer, 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Sather Air Base, Baghdad, Iraq)
4. April 2010 – July 2013, Commander, 141st Security Forces Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.





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5. July 2013 – July 2016, Chief, Mission Assurance Branch, National Guard Bureau, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
6. July 2016 – Sep 2016, Vulnerability Assessment Team, Security Forces Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
7. October 2016 – May 2021, Commander, 147th Security Forces Squadron, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
8. May 2021 – Sep 2022, Commander, 147th Force Support Squadron, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
9. Sep 2022 – June 2024, Commander, 147th Mission Support Group, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
10. June 2024 – Present, Deputy Commander, 147th Attack Wing, Ellington Field JRB, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Army Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2008 Washington State Company Grade Officer of the Year
2008 Air National Guard Services Company Grade Officer of the Year
2021 Army War College Superior Graduate
2022 Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught Visionary Leadership Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 2003
First Lieutenant May 28, 2005
Captain October 1, 2007
Major August 4, 2012
Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2018
Colonel July 27, 2023

(Current as of June 2024)

