



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL TRAVIS D. WALTERS

Colonel Travis D. Walters is the Wing Commander, 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 with more than 1,080 citizen-Airmen for MQ-9 Reaper worldwide attack and reconnaissance operations, Joint Terminal Attack Control, and Expeditionary Combat Support missions.

Col Walters graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Military History. After completing Euro-North Atlantic Treaty Organization Joint Jet Pilot Training, he remained at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, as a T-37 Instructor Pilot, then transferred to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, as a C-130 Aircraft Commander. Next, he served in a variety of staff positions at 18th Air Force, Air Mobility Command, and the Headquarters Air Force's National Guard Bureau. In 2013, after serving 14 years in the Air Force active component, Col Walters transferred to the Texas National Guard, eventually serving as the 136th Maintenance Squadron Commander. Col Walters then transitioned to Joint Forces Headquarters-Texas, Camp Mabry, Texas where he held multiple joint assignments culminating in his designation as a Level III Joint Qualified Officer.



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

EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science, Military History, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2004 Master of Arts, Air Warfare, American Military University, Charles Town, Va.
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2018 Joint Combined Warfighting School-Hybrid, Norfolk, Va.
- 2018 Joint Domestic Operations Course, by correspondence
- 2022 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, United States Northern Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colo.
- 2022 Dual Status Commander Course, United States Northern Command, Peterson SFB, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1999-October 2002, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. October 2002-May 2003, Student, T-37 Pilot Instructor Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. May 2003-March 2005, T-37 Instructor Pilot and Squadron Chief of Safety, 89th Flying Training Squadron, Sheppard

AFB, Texas

4. March 2005-August 2005, C-130 Aircraft Commander Training, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. August 2005-June 2008, C-130 Aircraft Commander and Flight Commander, 40th Airlift Squadron, and later, Group Executive Officer and Chief of Inspections, 317th Airlift Group, Dyess AFB, Texas
6. June 2008-January 2009, Chief of Executive Services, 18th Air Force, Scott AFB, Ill.
7. January 2009-June 2010, Chief Special Action Officer, Commander's Action Group, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
8. July 2010-June 2011, Strategic Policy Intern, Air Force Fellows, Air Education and Training Command, The Pentagon, Washington D.C.
9. August 2011-August 2013, Force Planner, National Guard Bureau Directorate of Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington D.C.
10. August 2013-January 2015, Wing Executive Officer, 136th Airlift Wing, Carswell Field, Fort Worth, Texas
11. January 2015-September 2016, Commander, 136th Maintenance Squadron, Carswell Field, Fort Worth, Texas
12. October 2016-July 2018, State Public Affairs Officer, Texas Military Department, Camp Mabry, Texas
13. July 2018-June 2021, Director, Resource Management, Joint Forces Headquarters-Texas, Joint Staff, Camp Mabry, Texas
14. June 2021-January 2023, Vice Wing Commander, 147th Attack Wing, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Texas
15. February 2023-Present, Wing Commander, 147th Attack Wing, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2016-July 2018, State Public Affairs Officer, Texas Military Department, Camp Mabry, Texas, as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2018-June 2021, Director, Resource Management, Joint Forces Headquarters-Texas, Joint Staff, Camp Mabry, Texas as a lieutenant colonel and colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: pilot

Flight Hours: more than 700 including 100 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130 and MQ-9

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1999

First Lieutenant June 2, 2001

Captain June 2, 2003

Major Dec. 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel April 12, 2014

Colonel July 31, 2019

(Current as of December 2023)