



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MONA E. ALEXANDER

Colonel Mona E. Alexander is the Vice Commander, 87th Air Base Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The wing provides installation support to more than 80 mission partners at the Department of Defense's only tri-service joint base. Additionally, the wing is also responsible for providing mission-ready expeditionary Airmen and Sailors to combatant commanders in support of joint and coalition operations.

Colonel Alexander, a native of Sun City, Kansas, graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1998 with a degree in Environmental Engineering. She has deployed to the Middle East and South East Asia numerous times in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. She has held numerous squadron leadership positions, commanded the 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, and has served in a variety of positions at the wing and combatant command levels. Colonel Alexander is a command pilot with over 4,000 flight hours including over 680 combat hours and over 240 combat support hours.



EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering,
United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2003 Air Mobility Operations Course, U.S. Air Force
Expeditionary Center, Fort Dix, N.J.

2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base
(AFB), Ala.

2007 Air Commander and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2009 Master of Business Administration, TUI University

2012 Advanced Study of Air Mobility (ASAM), U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

2012 Master of Science in Logistics, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

2013 Maintenance Course for Operation Commanders, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2015 Master of Arts in National Security Studies, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2015 Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) II, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2017 Contingency Response Mission Planner Course, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Operations School, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1998–October 1999, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, Okla.

2. December 1999–December 2004, KC-10A Instructor and Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Safety, 2nd Air Refueling Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.

3. April 2005–June 2007, T-6A Instructor and Evaluator Pilot, Flight Commander, Chief of Standardization and Evaluations, 85th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas

4. June 2007–May 2009, T-6A Instructor Pilot, Wing Executive Officer, Wing Director of Staff, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas

5. May 2009–May 2011, Director Combatant Commander Strategic Travel Team, Aide de Camp to the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) & U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), Peterson AFB, Colo.

6. May 2011–June 2012, Student, Advance Study of Air Mobility, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

7. June 2012–May 2013, Operations Officer and KC-10A Instructor Pilot, 2nd Air Refueling Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

8. May 2013–May 2014, Commander and KC-10A Instructor Pilot, 908th Air Refueling Squadron, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates
9. July 2014–July 2015, Student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
10. July 2015–July 2017, Chief, Global Mobility Planning, Strategic Plans, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2017–June 2018, Deputy Commander, 621st Contingency Response Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
12. June 2018–June 2020, Commander, US Air Force Expeditionary Operations School (EOS), U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
13. June 2020–Present, Vice Commander, 87th Air Base Wing, Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst, N.J.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2009 – May 2011, Director Combatant Commander Strategic Travel Team, Aide de Camp to the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) & U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., as a major

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: more than 4,000

Aircraft: KC-10A, T-6A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998

First Lieutenant May 27, 2000

Captain May 27, 2002

Major Nov. 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2011

Colonel Apr. 1, 2018

(Current as of July 2020)