



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL ELIZABETH A. D. HANSON

Colonel Elizabeth Hanson is the Commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. The 305 AMW utilizes the KC-46 Pegasus, KC-10 Extender, and the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft to provide global mobility support for national security objectives, combat operations, contingencies and humanitarian relief efforts worldwide through aerial refueling and airland capabilities. The 305 AMW is also responsible for two of Air Mobility Command's busiest aerial ports, ensuring uninterrupted flow of forces and material in support of ongoing global operations. Finally, as Commander she is responsible for overseeing all air operations at McGuire Field and Lakehurst Maxfield Field runways.

Colonel Hanson received her commission in 1998 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and served in a variety of operational and staff positions throughout her career. She served as a C-17A instructor pilot at the USAF Weapons School and as Commander of the 517th Airlift Squadron. At Headquarters Air Force, her positions included Global Mobility Branch Chief in A9 and Senior Executive Officer to the A3/5. She was also a fellow with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Col Hanson is a 2017 graduate of National Defense University's Eisenhower School. At the Joint Staff J4, she served as the Strategy Division Chief.



Colonel Hanson is a command pilot and weapons officer with over 3,300 flying hours, including 578 combat hours.

#### EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science Degree, Aeronautical & Mechanical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York
- 2000 Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- 2004 C-17A Weapons Instructor Course, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2006 Master of Arts Degree, Education, Central Michigan University, Michigan
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2011 Fellow, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Arlington Virginia
- 2013 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2017 Master of Science Degree, National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, District of Columbia
- 2019 Advanced Programs in Logistics and Technology, Institute for Defense and Business, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 2021 Leadership Decision Making, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Executive Education, Cambridge, Massachusetts

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1998 - March 1999, Wing Tactics Officer, 43rd Operations Support Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

2. March 1999 - April 2000, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (JSUPT), 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma
3. April 2000 - July 2000, C-17A, Copilot Initial Qualification School, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma
4. July 2000 - July 2004, C-17A Weapons Officer/Instructor Aircraft Commander; Squadron Executive Officer; Training Officer; and Chief of Squadron Tactics, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina
5. July 2004 - December 2005, C-17A Initial Cadre and Chief of C-17A Wing Tactics, 305th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire–Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey
6. December 2005 - July 2008, Instructor C-17A Weapons Instructor Course; Flight Commander; and Phase Manager, 57th Weapons Squadron, Joint Base McGuire–Dix–Lakehurst, New Jersey
7. July 2008 - July 2010, Chief, Global Mobility Branch, Deputy Chief of Staff, Studies, Analyses, Assessments and Lessons Learned, Headquarters United States Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
8. July 2010 - July 2011, Fellow, Defense Advanced Projects Agency, Arlington Virginia
9. July 2011 - July 2012, Senior Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters United States Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
10. August 2012 - April 2014, Chief Wing Plans and Programs, and C-17A Instructor Pilot and Weapons Officer, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
11. June 2014 - July 2016, Commander 517th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
12. July 2016 - June 2017, Student, Eisenhower School for National Resource and Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, District of Columbia
13. June 2017 - July 2020, Chief, Strategy Division; Deputy Chief, Distribution Division; Chief, Joint Air Mobility Distribution Branch, Directorate for Logistics (J4), The Joint Staff, The Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia
14. July 2020 - Present, Vice Commander, 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
15. July 2022 – Present, Commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 2016 - June 2017, Student, Eisenhower School for National Resource and Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, District of Columbia
2. June 2017 - July 2020, Chief, Strategy Division; Deputy Chief, Distribution Division; Chief, Joint Air Mobility Distribution Branch, Directorate for Logistics (J4), The Joint Staff, The Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Over 3,300

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-1A, C-17A, C-12F, KC-46A

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Award

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with Four Leaf Clusters

Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters

Joint Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 14, 1998

First Lieutenant Jun 21, 2000

Captain Jun 21, 2002

Major Apr 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel Sep 1, 2013

Colonel Oct 1, 2019

**(CURRENT AS OF JULY 2022)**