



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



COLONEL JAYSON LEE (J. L.) ALLEN

Colonel J. L. Allen is the Commandant, U.S. Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The Officer Training School commissions and trains approximately 3,500 total force officers annually for the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard through Total Force Officer Training programs. It also provides initial officership training for newly commissioned health professionals, staff judge advocates, and chaplains through its Commissioned Officer Training program. Officer Training School encompasses three squadrons and a \$75 million world-class campus, including numerous field training sites.

Colonel Allen has held key positions at squadron, group, wing, Theater Special Operations Command and regional command levels. These duties included serving as Commander, Joint Test Unit – Nellis, Defense Attaché, Republic of Iraq, Commander (Air Force ROTC Det 595) North Carolina State University, Commander, Provincial Reconstruction Team, Laghman, Afghanistan, Director of Plans and Strategy (Special Operations Command Korea), Joint Special Operations Liaison Element Director (7th Air Force) and Instructor Navigator in the MC-130P "Combat Shadow" aircraft.



Colonel Allen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1992 from Northwest Christian University and a Master's degree in Public Administration in 2008 from Troy University. Colonel Allen entered the Air Force in 1994 as a graduate of Officer Training School where he received the Daniel Webster Award for writing and briefing and the Wing Briefing Excellence Award. He earned his wings at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and has more than 1,500 hours in the C-130 Hercules and MC-130P aircraft. Colonel Allen is a Senior Navigator and an airborne graduate of Fort Benning.

EDUCATION

Associates of Arts in Criminal Justice, Linn Benton College, Oregon
Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Northwest Christian University, Oregon
Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Air Commander and Staff College
Master's in Public Administration, Troy University, Alabama
Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk, Virginia
Defense Language Institute – Pashto Air War College
Defense Language Institute – Modern Standard Arabic
Joint Military Attaché School

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1994 – June 1995, Squadron Section Commander, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
2. June 1995 – June 1996, Education Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida

3. June 1996 – March 1997, Executive Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
4. March 1997 – March 1998, Student Navigator Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida
5. March 1998 – December 1998, Student Navigator Training, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
6. February 1999 – May 1999, C-130 Initial Qualification Training, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas
7. August 1999 – November 1999, MC-130P Initial Qualification Training, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
8. December 1999 – November 2000, MC-130P Navigator, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
9. November 2000 – November 2001, Chief Group Current Ops, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
10. November 2001 – August 2004, Chief Group Exercise Plans, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
11. August 2004 – August 2005, Mobility Flight Commander, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
12. August 2005 – July 2006, Wing Chief Executive Officer, Hurlburt Field, Florida
13. August 2006 – June 2007, Chief of Safety, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
14. June 2007 – June 2008, Chief of Current Ops, Army Garrison Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea
15. June 2008 – June 2010, Chief of Exercise Plans, Army Garrison Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea
16. June 2010 – June 2011, Joint Special Operations Liaison Element Director (7th AF), Osan Air Base, South Korea
17. June 2011 – February 2012, Provincial Reconstruction Team Commander, R.C. East, Laghman, Afghanistan
18. February 2012 – June 2013, Director Plans and Strategy, Army Garrison Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea
19. June 2013 – August 2015, Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies, Det 595 N.C. State, Raleigh, N.C.
20. August 2015 – January 2017, Student, Defense Language Institute, Joint Military Attaché School, Washington, D.C.
21. January 2017 – January 2018, United States Defense and Air Attaché to U.S. Ambassador, Baghdad, Iraq
22. January 2018 – June 2018, Director, Joint Test Unit – Nellis, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
23. June 2018 – June 2019, Commander, Joint Test Unit – Nellis, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
24. June 2019 – April 2020, Vice Commandant, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
25. April 2020 – Present, Commandant, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight Hours: 1,525

Aircraft: Flown: T-34C, T-43, T-1, C-130E and MC-130P

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant November 1994

First Lieutenant November 1996

Captain	November 1998
Major	April 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	February 2010
Colonel	March 2016

(Current as of June 2020)