



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL KEOLANI W. BAILEY

Col. Keolani W. Bailey is the Commandant at the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Officer Training School commissions and trains approximately 3,500 total force line and non-line officers annually for the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard through Total Force Officer Training programs. Officer Training School encompasses three squadrons and a \$75 million world-class campus, including numerous field training sites.

As a prior enlisted U.S. Army engineer, Col. Bailey earned his commission in 1997 as the Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. He then served as a logistics officer in the 168th Air Refueling Wing, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, and in the private sector as a professional civil engineer for an international consulting firm. In 2001, he volunteered for mobilization as a logistics officer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since his post 9/11 mobilization, he has served in multiple assignments as an air battle manager to include weapons section chief and flight commander, while earning qualifications as an instructor and evaluator air weapons officer, senior director, and mission crew commander. His staff assignments include wing chief of staff, chief of staff and deputy director to Air Component commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Col. Bailey has commanded at multiple levels including flight, squadron, and group for the 176th Air Defense Squadron, 176th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and the 176th Mission Support Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Prior to his current position, Col. Bailey served as the vice commandant, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.



EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- 2001 Master of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Alaska, Anchorage
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2008 Master of Military Studies, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
- 2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2018 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2021 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1993–August 1997, Engineer Technician, 813th Engineer Battalion, Ft. Richardson/Ft. Wainwright, Alaska
2. October 1997–April 1999, Public Affairs Officer, 168th Air Refueling Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska
3. April 1999–July 2002, Transportation Officer, 168th Air Refueling Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska

4. July 2002–March 2003, Student, Air Battle Manager, 325th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
5. March 2003–March 2005, Air Weapons/Executive Officer, 176th Air Control Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
6. March 2005–July 2007, Senior Director (Instructor)/Chief of Weapons, 176th Air Control Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
7. July 2007–June 2008, Student, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
8. June 2008–June 2009, Assistant Flight Commander/Senior Director (Evaluator), 176th Air Control Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
9. June 2009–June 2011, Chief Command and Control Systems, Senior Director (Evaluator) and Mission Crew Commander, 176th Air Control Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
10. June 2011–November 2011, Flight Commander, Senior Director and Mission Crew Commander (Evaluator), 176th Air Control Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
11. November 2011–May 2013, Wing Chief of Staff and Executive Officer, 176th Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
12. May 2013–June 2016, Commander, 176th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
13. June 2016–July 2018, Deputy Director Air National Guard Forces, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
14. July 2018–July 2020, Commander, 176th Mission Support Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
15. July 2020–July 2021, Student, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. July 2021–April 2022, Vice Commandant, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. April 2022–present, Commandant, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	Aug. 16, 1997
First Lieutenant	Aug. 16, 1999
Captain	Sept. 9, 2001
Major	Sept. 29, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	Aug. 29, 2012
Colonel	July 18, 2018

(Current as of April 2022)