



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GREGORY J. JACKSON JR.

Lt Col. Gregory J. Jackson Jr. is the Commander, 24th Training Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala. He is responsible for leading the annual development of over 3,200 Total Force warrior-minded leaders of character across both the Air and Space Forces. His team of 40 officer and enlisted instructors lead each class of 160 officer trainees to hone their skills as Mission Ready Airmen focused on decision making, expeditionary skills training, war-gaming, rapid mobilization, and mission execution.

Lieutenant Colonel Jackson earned his commission in 2007 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Wright State University. He completed Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training at Naval Air Station Pensacola in 2010 and has served in a variety of operational and staff assignments including EC-130H Flight Examiner and Formal Training Unit instructor navigator, Air Force Forces Staff Instructor, Wing Executive Officer, and Political Military Affairs Officer at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to his current position, Lieutenant Colonel Jackson served as the Director of Operations, 43d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Lieutenant Colonel Jackson is a senior combat systems officer with more than 1,200 flying hours and 40 combat missions in OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. Additionally, he has served twice as a deployed Detachment Commander in support of contingency operations.



EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor of Science, Biology, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (Distinguished Graduate)

2014 Master of Business Administration, Finance, Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, Fla.

2020 Masters of Military Operational Art & Science, Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2007–April 2008, Assistant Executive Officer, 458th Airlift Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill.

2. June 2008–June 2010, Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

3. June 2010–August 2010, Student, Introductory to Fighter Fundamentals, Randolph AFB, Texas

4. August 2010–January 2012, Student, F-15E Basic Course, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

5. January 2012–April 2012, Student, C-130 Initial Qualification, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

6. April 2012–October 2013, Assistant Flight Commander, Command Support Flight & EC-130H Navigator, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

7. October 2013–February 2015, Flight Commander, Group Training & EC-130H Instructor Navigator, 755th Operations Support Squadron, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

8. February 2015–March 2017, Assistant Director of Operations & EC-130H Evaluator Navigator, 42d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.
9. March 2017–December 2017, Course Director & Assistant Director of Operations, 705th Training Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. December 2017–July 2019, Executive Officer, 505th Command and Control Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
11. July 2019–June 2020, Student, Political Affairs Strategist, U.S. Air Force Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. June 2020–July 2022, Political Military Affairs Officer, Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2022–May 2024, Director of Operations, 43d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.
14. May 2024–Present, Commander, 24th Training Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2020–July 2022, Political Military Affairs Officer, Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., as a major and lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Combat Systems Officer

Flight Hours: More than 1,200 hours (including 175 combat hours)

Aircraft Flown: T-6, T-1, T-39, T-38, F-15E, C-130H and EC-130H

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 5, 2007

First Lieutenant July 5, 2009

Captain July 5, 2011

Major June 1, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2021

(Current as of June 2024)