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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RYAN W. WILSON

Colonel Ryan W. Wilson is the Deputy Commandant at Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL. He directly supports the Commandant to commission and train approximately 3,700 total force line and non-line officers annually for the Air Force's Active Duty, Reserves, Air National Guard, and Space Force with a \$75 million world-class campus, including three field training sites, and is the largest training campus within Maxwell Air Force Base. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Wilson was a student at Air University as a Blue Horizons CSAF Fellow where he received a Masters of Science in Airpower Strategy and Technology Integration.

Colonel Wilson entered the Air Force in 2006 as a graduate from the University of Arkansas and earned his pilot wings at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas in 2008. He has held operational C-130J and KC-135R/T

assignments at Ramstein AB, Germany, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, and Fairchild AFB, Washington as an aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and evaluator pilot. His career highlights include flying humanitarian aid/disaster relief missions during Operation ODYSSEY DAWN during the refugee evacuation out of Libya; aeromedical evacuating Libyan Freedom Fighters, and a multitude of operations in over 20 countries throughout the world. Colonel Wilson has led at the squadron level, where he commanded the largest KC-135R/T unit in the Air Force while stationed at Kadena Air Base.



Colonel Wilson is a command pilot with more than 2,000 flying hours, including 400 combat hours.

EDUCATION

- 2006 Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, University of Arkansas, Ark.
- 2006 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2013 Master of Aviation Science degree in Aeronautics, Embry Riddle University, FL.
- 2014 Advanced Air Mobility Operations Course, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ.
- 2017 Air Force Command Post Manager Course, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- 2017 Joint Nuclear Command and Control Course, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
- 2018 Gray Scholar, U. S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va.
- 2019 NATO Nuclear Policy Course, NATO School, Oberammergau, Germ.
- 2019 Joint Professional Military Education II (JPMEII), Joint Forces College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2019 Air War College, by correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2025 Blue Horizon CSAF Fellow, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.





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ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2006 – July 2007: Squadron Executive Officer, 314th Operations Support Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
2. July 2007 – March 2008: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. March 2008 – January 2009: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, NAS Corpus Christi, Tex.
4. January 2009 – August 2009: Student, C-130J Initial Qualification Training, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. August 2009 – August 2012: C-130J Instructor Pilot, Scheduling Officer, Standardization and Evaluation Liaison Officer, Central Scheduler, Assistant Flight Commander, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
6. August 2012 – August 2015: C-130J Evaluator Pilot, Squadron Chief of Training and Wing Executive Officer, 19th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
7. August 2015 – July 2017: KC-135R/T Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander and Chief, Wing Command Post, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Was.
8. July 2017 – July 2018: Student, United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va.
9. July 2018 – July 2020: Chief, NATO Plans and Integration, HQ USSTRATCOM J53, Offutt AFB, Neb.
10. August 2020 – May 2021: Director of Operations, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
11. May 2021 – May 2023: Commander, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
12. June 2023 – June 2024: Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Education and Training Command, JBSA-Randolph, Tex.
13. July 2024 – May 2025: Student, Blue Horizons CSAF Fellow at Air War College Center for Strategy and Technology, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
14. June 2025 – present: Deputy Commandant, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2018 – July 2020: Chief, NATO Plans and Integration, HQ USSTRATCOM J53, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a Lieutenant Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight hours: 2,000
Aircraft flown: T-6A, T-44C, C-130J, KC-135R/T, F-15D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal
Air & Space Force Commendation Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf cluster
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal





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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 31, 2006
First Lieutenant	May 31, 2008
Captain	May 31, 2010
Major	August 1, 2016
Lt Col	October 1, 2019
Col	April 1, 2025

(Current as of June 2025)

