



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COL. MATTHEW C. ISLER

Col. Matthew C. Isler is the Commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. The 12 FTW is the Source of America's Airpower, delivering unrivaled airpower leaders for the future of the U.S. Air Force. The wing consists of three flying groups and a maintenance directorate spanning more than 1,400 miles from JBASA-Randolph, Texas, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida and to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado.

The 12 FTW is responsible for four single-source aviation pipelines - Pilot Instructor Training, Combat Systems Officer Training, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot Indoctrination, and Basic Sensor Operator Qualification. The wing manages all airmanship programs for U.S. Air Force Academy cadets, and Introductory Flight Screening for all Air Force officers scheduled to enter pilot, combat systems officer, or remotely piloted aircraft training. The wing also hosts an Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals program and conducts Electronic Warfare Training for the U.S. Air Force and multi-national forces.



Colonel Isler was commissioned in 1991 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. His flying assignments included duties as an instructor pilot, flight commander, flight examiner, and weapons instructor. He commanded an operational 24-aircraft F-15C squadron and led deployments supporting homeland defense missions and partnership training for Operation Enduring Freedom. Colonel Isler also served as Air Liaison Officer to the Republic of Korea Army and deployed with the XVII Airborne Corps during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He flew during Operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, and Noble Eagle. Prior to his current position, he served as the Vice Wing Commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, and as Executive Officer to the Commander of Pacific Air Forces at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Colonel Isler is a command pilot with over 3,100 flying hours.

#### EDUCATION

1991 Distinguished graduate, Bachelor of Science degree in physics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.  
1996 Master of Science degree in aeronautical science and management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
1998 Distinguished and Top Squadron Graduate, Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2001 F-15 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.

2004 Distinguished Graduate, Master's degree in military operational art and science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2009 Distinguished graduate, Master's degree in national security strategy, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington. D.C.

2011 Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI

2013 U.S. Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Darden, Va.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1991 - October 1992, student pilot, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. November 1992 - February 1993, student pilot, T-37 pilot instructor training, 559th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. February 1993 - December 1995, T-37 Instructor pilot, check pilot, and RSU controller, 35th Flying Training Squadron, Reese AFB, Texas
4. January 1996 - January 1997, Air Liaison Officer, Third Republic of Korea Army Air Liaison Office, Camp Red Cloud, South Korea
5. December 1997 - January 2001, F-15 instructor pilot, chief of squadron scheduling, flight commander, 71st Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
6. February 2001 - July 2003, F-15 instructor pilot, weapons officer, and wing weapons officer, 60th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
7. July 2003 - June 2004, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. August 2004 - May 2006, F-15 weapons instructor, operations officer, and chief of 57th Wing Standardization and Evaluation, 433rd Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. June 2006 - December 2007, Commander, 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
10. January 2008 - May 2008, Air Liaison Officer, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, Camp Victory, Baghdad
11. July 2008 - June 2009, student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2009 - May 2010, operations officer, J-33 Global Force Management, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. May 2010 - May 2011, special assistant, Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2011 - March 2013, Vice Commander, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.
15. March 2013 - June 2014, executive officer to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
16. June 2014 - present, Commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,100

Aircraft Flown: T-6, T-37, T-38, F-15C/D

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service and Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1991

First Lieutenant May 29, 1993

Captain May 29, 1995

Major March 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2006

Colonel August 1, 2011

(Current as of June 2014)