



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JAMES S. LONG II

Col James Long is Commander of the 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 two flying groups and a maintenance group spanning more than 700 miles from Joint Base San Antonio, Texas to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. The 12 FTW is responsible for five aviation training pipelines, Pilot Instructor Training, Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training, Undergraduate Remotely Piloted Aircraft pilot training, Career Enlisted Aviator training, and Fighter Bomber Fundamentals which prepares wingmen to transition into Fighter Training Units across the Air Force. Additionally, the wing oversees Electronic Warfare Training for the U.S. Joint Force and ally/partner nations from around the globe.

Col. Long is a native of Del Rio, Texas. He graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences and then attended specialized undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. Col. Long then served two operational tours as a C-17 pilot at McChord AFB, Washington and Charleston AFB, South Carolina, ultimately qualifying as a Lead Airdrop Evaluator Pilot. He subsequently served as a Prime Nuclear Airlift Force Inspector and Executive Officer to the Air Mobility Command Inspector General before attending Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He completed a joint assignment with U.S. Central Command J5 as Political-Military Country Director for the Central Asia region before taking command of the 16th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Charleston executing missions in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and ALLIES REFUGE. Col. Long then became the Senior Executive Officer to the Commander of the United States Air Force Expeditionary Center located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. Then attended Senior Developmental Education at the USAF Air War College located at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Prior to his current position, Col. Long was the Deputy Commander, 6th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill AFB, Florida.



Col. James S. Long II is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours, including 1,592 combat hours, in the C-17A.

EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
2009 C-17A Weapons Instructor Course, United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2011 Masters in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.
2016 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. 2024 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2003 – September 2004, Student Pilot, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. February 2005 – November 2005, C-17A Co-pilot, Awards and Decorations, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
3. December 2005 – April 2007, C-17A Pilot/Instructor, Scheduler, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.



4. May 2007 – December 2008, C-17A Instructor, Chief Squadron Operations Center, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
5. January 2009 – June 2009, C-17A Instructor, 57th Weapons Squadron, United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. October 2009 – October 2010, C-17A Instructor, Tactics Flight Commander, 16th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base (JB) Charleston AFB, S.C.
7. October 2010 – July 2011 C-17A Evaluator, Assistant Director of Operations, 16th Airlift Squadron, JB Charleston, S.C.
8. July 2011 – September 2011, C-17A Evaluator, Executive Officer, 437th Operations Group, JB Charleston, S.C.
9. September 2011 – October 2012, C-17A Evaluator, Deputy Director Commander's Action Group, 437th Airlift Wing, JB Charleston, S.C.
10. October 2012 – January 2013, C-17A Evaluator, Wing Standardization and Evaluation, 437th Operations Group, JB Charleston, S.C.
11. February 2013 – March 2014, Deputy Chief, Nuclear Division, Office of the Inspector General, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
12. March 2014 – June 2015, Executive Officer, Office of the Inspector General, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
13. June 2015 – July 2016, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. July 2016 – July 2018, Chief, Political and Military Affairs, Uzbekistan, Security Cooperation Division, Strategy, Plans and Policy Directorate, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
15. July 2018 – June 2020, Director of Operations, 15th Airlift Squadron, JB Charleston, S.C.
16. June 2020 – June 2022, Commander, 16th Airlift Squadron, JB Charleston, S.C.
17. June 2022 – July 2023, Senior Executive Officer to the Commander, United States Expeditionary Center, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
18. July 2023 – June 2024, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
19. July 2024 – June 2026 Deputy Wing Commander, 6th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill AFB, Fla.
20. June 2026 – Present, Commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2016 – July 2018, Chief, Political and Military Affairs, Uzbekistan, Security Cooperation Division, as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 4,500

Aircraft flown: T-6A, T-1A, C-17A, KC-135R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant May 28, 2005

Captain May 28, 2007

Major July 1, 2013

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2018

Colonel June 1, 2024

(Current as of June 2026)

