



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL TRAVIS K. "STREAK" WILLIAMS

Lt Col Travis Williams is the Commander, 147th Operations Group, 147th Attack Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas. He is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping worldwide combat ready forces for rapid deployment and employment of the MQ-9A and Joint Terminal Attack Controller weapons systems providing real-time intelligence in support of National Command Authority objectives and advanced weapons employment tactics destroy high-value targets. Additionally, both Major Weapons Systems have significant roles in Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations.

Lt Col Williams graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in June 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Management Science. He was then assigned as an Assistant Scheduler for the 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. In June 2006, he completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma and completed F-15C basic training at Kingsley Field, Oregon. Lt Col Williams was then assigned to the 71st Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., flying the F-15C Eagle until January 2010. During this time, he served as the squadron Training Officer, Electronic Combat Officer, Group Mobility Officer and successfully executed the first F-22A Phase 1 and Phase 2 inspections along with the first F-22A Red Flag Exercise. In June 2010, Lt Col Williams completed the MQ-9 formal training course as the Distinguished Graduate of his class and was assigned to the 42d Attack Squadron at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada. There he served as Chief of Advanced Programs, Flight Commander, and Chief MQ-9 Evaluator before being selected to attend the Air Force Weapons School MQ1/9 Weapons Instructor Course in January 2014. Lt Col Williams then returned to the 22d Reconnaissance Squadron, Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, to serve as the Squadron Weapons Officer and then as Group Weapons Officer. During this time Lt Col Williams was the Chief Instructor for the United States Air Force's only MQ-1B, MQ-9A and RQ-170 Operations Group and coordinated combat taskings with national intelligence organizations to conduct operations against the nation's most significant counter terror targets. Additionally, he managed Operational Test and Evaluation for multiple airframes, releasing 9 operational flight programs and executing 18 distinct upgrade syllabi across 9,000 missions and 158,000 flight hours annually. Lt Col Williams separated from active duty in January 2017 and joined the Texas Air National Guard. He has served as the Wing Conversion Officer during the transition from MQ-1 to MQ-9 operations and standup of combat operations while also leading the Air National Guard and Air Reserve Component Weapons and Tactics effort for the MQ-9. In that role he set requirements for NGB/A5 to execute, leading to over 70 million dollars of upgrades to the MQ-9 weapons system. Lt Col Williams is a senior pilot with more than 1,800 hours in the MQ-9, MQ-1, F-15C, T-38, and T-37.



Prior to his current position, Lt Col Williams served as the Deputy Commander, 147th Operations Group, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas.

EDUCATION

2004 Bachelor of Science, Management Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

EDUCATION cont'd

2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2006 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2014 Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2016 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2016 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 2004 – May 2005, Assistant Scheduler, 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
2. May 2005 – June 2006, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. June 2006 – May 2007, F-15 Student Pilot, 114th Fighter Squadron, Kingsley Field, Ore.
4. May 2007 – January 2010, F-15C Flight Lead, 71st Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
5. January 2010 – June 2010, MQ-9A Student Pilot, 29th Attack Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
6. June 2010 – July 2013, MQ-9 Evaluator and Flight Commander, 42d Attack Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.
7. July 2013 – January 2014, Chief MQ-9A Flight Examiner, 432d Operations Group, Creech AFB, Nev.
8. January 2014 – June 2014, Student, 26th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. July 2014 – August 2015, MQ-9A/MQ-1B IP/EP/Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 22d Reconnaissance Squadron, Creech AFB, Nev.
10. August 2015 – January 2017, MQ-9A/MQ-1B IP/EP/ Weapons Officer, 732d Operations Group, Creech AFB, Nev.
11. January 2017 – June 2023, MQ-1/9 IP/EP/Commander, 111th Attack Squadron, Ellington Joint Reserve Base, Texas
12. June 2023 – December 2023, Deputy Commander, 147th Operations Group, Ellington Field JRB, Texas
13. December 2023 – Present, Commander, 147th Operations Group, Ellington Field JRB, Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 1800 including more than 200 combat hours and 1100 combat support hours

Aircraft flown: DA-20, T-37B, T-38C, F-15B/C/D, MQ-1B, MQ-9A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Aerial Achievement Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 33d Training Squadron, Class 06-10, Top Pilot, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2007 114th Fighter Squadron Class 07-03 Academic Award, Kingsley Field, Ore.
2010 29th Attack Squadron Class 10-11 Distinguished Graduate, Holloman AFB, N.M.
2010 29th Attack Squadron Class 10-11 Top Gun, Holloman AFB, N.M.
2012 Squadron Officer School Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2014 26th Weapons Squadron Class 14A Top Pilot, Nellis AFB, Nev.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 2004
First Lieutenant June 2, 2006
Captain June 2, 2008
Major September 1, 2014
Lieutenant Colonel April 7, 2021

(CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 2024)