



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL JERALD KEITH WILLIAMS

Col. Keith Williams is the 136th Airlift Wing Commander, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. As commander, he leads a fully operational combat unit that also supports the 531st Air Force Band, Texas Air National Guard Band of the Southwest, and the 254th Combat Communications Group. The wing is responsible for organizing, equipping and training personnel for worldwide deployment by providing combatant commanders with combat-ready forces, while supporting Air Mobility Command's airlift requirements with eight assigned C-130H aircraft. The 136th Airlift Wing also provides these same ready forces to the Governor and the Texas Military Department to aid in domestic disaster response and defense of the homeland.

Col. Williams enlisted into the 136th Airlift Wing in December 1987 and initially served as a controller in the wing command post. He commissioned in May 1993 from the Academy of Military Science and graduated Undergraduate Navigator Training in March 1994. Col. Williams served as the wing's Operations Group Commander, Operations Support Squadron Commander, Air Operations Officer, Squadron Chief Navigator, Chief of Current Operations, and Assistant Chief of Standardization and Evaluation.

Col. Williams has deployed numerous times in multiple roles in support of Joint Forge, Joint Guard, Coronet Oak, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to his current position, he served as the 136th Airlift Wing Vice Commander.



#### EDUCATION

- 1988 Basic Military Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
- 1990 Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas
- 1993 Academy of Military Science, McGee-Tyson Air National Guard Station, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Joint Task Force Commander Course, United States Northern Command, Colo.
- 2016 Dual Status Commander Course, United States Northern Command, Colo.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1987-March 1993, Controller, 136th Airlift Wing Command Post, Dallas Naval Air Station, Texas
2. May 1993-March 1994, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. March 1994-December 1996, Navigator, 181st Airlift Squadron, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas
4. December 1996-July 2002, Chief of Tactics, 136th Operations Support Flight, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas
5. July 2002-July 2005, Assistant Chief of Standardization/Evaluation, 136th Operations Group, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas
6. July 2005-April 2010, Chief Navigator, 181st Airlift Squadron, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas
7. April 2010-February 2015, Commander, 136th Operations Support Squadron, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas (February 2013-April 2013, Commander, 737th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait)
8. February 2015-December 2017, Commander, 136th Operations Group, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas
9. May 2015-December 2017, Vice Air Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas
10. December 2017-April 2020, Air Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas
11. December 2017-April 2020, Vice Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas
12. April 2020-Present, Commander, 136th Airlift Wing, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: master navigator

Flight hours: more than 5,200

Aircraft flown: T-43, C130-E, C130-H2 and C130-H3

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with oak leaf cluster

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three 'M' devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)

NATO Medal

**STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Texas Combat Service Medal

Texas Outstanding Service Medal

Texas Medal of Merit

Texas Adjutant Generals Individual Award with two devices

Texas Federal Service Medal

Texas Faithful Service Medal with four devices

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS)

National Guard Association of Texas (NGAT) – Life Member

Air Force Association – Life Member

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 20, 1993

First Lieutenant June 8, 1995

Captain June 13, 1997

Major Aug. 24, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 26, 2005

Colonel March 10, 2015

(Current as of April 2020)