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COLONEL JAMES A. FREEMAN

Colonel James A. “Andy” Freeman is the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio- Randolph, Texas. He serves as the Senior Intelligence Officer to the AETC Commander and as the functional lead for all intelligence personnel within the command. He is responsible for developing and integrating advanced learning methodology into MAJCOM and AF operational concepts and force development strategy. Col Freeman also directs unit-level intelligence support to all AETC training wings, affecting the 60,000-member workforce responsible for recruiting, training and the education of USAF airmen.

Colonel Freeman enlisted in the Air Force in 1996 and completed Imagery Analyst training in 1997. After serving as an imagery analyst and systems trainer at the 30th Intelligence Squadron, Langley AFB, VA, he applied for and was accepted into the Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program, which allowed him to attend the University of Georgia on an Air Force ROTC scholarship.

After commissioning in 2001, Colonel Freeman completed the Intelligence Officer Course and served at the operational level supporting air mobility and tanker operations at the 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, NJ. He has served as a technical training instructor at Goodfellow AFB, TX. He has also completed staff tours at the selectively manned Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Ft Belvoir, VA; at Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL; and at NATO’s Joint Warfare Centre, Stavanger, Norway. Additionally, Colonel Freeman was the Chief of Wing Intelligence and Senior Intelligence Officer for the 89th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Andrews, MD. He attended Air Command and Staff College in residence at Maxwell AFB, AL, and served as the commander of the 31st Intelligence Squadron at Ft Gordon, GA. Immediately prior to his current assignment, Colonel Freeman served as Deputy Commander of the 17th Training Group, Goodfellow AFB, Texas.

Colonel Freeman has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN. He is also a certified Political-Military Affairs Strategist (16P) and was designated as a Joint Qualified Officer in 2016. Colonel Freeman is married and has two children.

EDUCATION

1999 Associate of Applied Science in Communication Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2001 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Global Studies), University of Georgia, Athens, GA
2002 Intelligence Officer Course (Distinguished Graduate), Goodfellow AFB, TX
2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
2007 Squadron Officer School (Distinguished Graduate), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2011 Air Command and Staff College (Non-Resident Course)
2014 Master of Science in International Relations, Troy University, Troy, AL
2015 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.





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2016 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Naval Station Norfolk, VA
2020 Air War College (Non-Resident Course)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1997 – August 1997: Student, Imagery Analyst Apprentice Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
2. August 1997 – August 1999: Imagery Analyst and Trainer, 30th Intelligence Squadron, Langley AFB, VA
3. August 1999 – May 2001: Student, University of Georgia
4. June 2001 – Oct 2001: Special Assistant to the Commander, AFROTC Det 160, Athens, GA
5. November 2001 – July 2002: Student, Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
6. July 2002 – November 2004: Chief of Intelligence Training, 305th Operations Support Squadron, McGuire AFB, NJ
7. November 2004 – November 2008: Chief of Intelligence Policy and Doctrine, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Ft Belvoir, VA (Deployed March 2006 – May 2006, Personnel Recovery Intelligence Analyst, Baghdad, Iraq)
8. November 2008 – June 2010: Flight Commander & Instructor, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, TX
9. June 2010 – February 2011: Wing Executive Officer, 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow AFB, TX
10. Mar 2011 – Dec 2011: Officer-in-Charge, Collection Management & Dissemination-Forward, US Forces-Iraq J2, Baghdad, Iraq and the Combined Air and Space Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
11. Jan 2012 – July 2012: Assistant Director of Operations, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, TX
12. July 2012 – July 2014: Chief of Wing Intelligence, 89th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, MD (Deployed November 2013 – March 2014, Director of Operations, 376th Operations Support Squadron, Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan)
13. August 2014 – July 2015: Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
14. July 2015 – June 2017: Special Plans and Programs Officer, HQ USSOCOM/J5, MacDill AFB, FL
15. June 2017 – June 2019: Commander, 31st Intelligence Squadron, Ft Gordon, GA
16. June 2019 – July 2021: Scenario Intelligence Staff Officer, NATO Joint Warfare Centre, Stavanger, Norway
17. July 2021 – July 2022: Deputy Commander, 17th Training Group, Goodfellow AFB, TX
18. July 2022 – June 2025: Director, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Directorate, 618th Air Operations Center, Scott AFB, IL
19. June 2025 – Present: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2004 – November 2008: Chief of Intelligence Policy and Doctrine, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Ft Belvoir, VA as a lieutenant and captain
2. Mar 2011 – Dec 2011: Officer-in-Charge, Collection Management & Dissemination-Forward, US Forces-Iraq J2, at the Combined Air and Space Operations Center, Southwest Asia as a captain and major
3. July 2015 – June 2017: Special Plans and Programs Officer, HQ USSOCOM/J5, MacDill AFB, FL as a major and lieutenant colonel
4. June 2019 – July 2021: Scenario Intelligence Staff Officer, NATO Joint Warfare Centre, Stavanger, Norway as a lieutenant colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Good Conduct Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal with four devices
Air Force Training Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster





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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2001

First Lieutenant May 31, 2003

Captain May 31, 2005

Major June 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2016

Colonel November 1, 2022

(Current as of July 2025)

