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COLONEL MATTHEW A. “NIMo” NORTON

Col. Matthew Norton 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 Norton also directs unit-level intelligence support to all AETC training wings, affecting the 60,000-member workforce responsible for recruiting, training, and educating USAF Airmen.

Col Norton is a graduate of Texas A&M University and received his commission from the United States Air Force Officer Training School in August 2001. He has completed assignments within Air Force Special Operations, the DCGS weapons system, the National Security Agency, and Weapons & Tactics programs at the Squadron, Group and MAJCOM levels. He has deployed with Joint Special Operations Task Forces in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. He previously served as the Deputy Director of Intelligence for Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), responsible for the overall, worldwide intelligence of the Command, supporting multiple, geographically and functionally aligned subordinate commands. Prior to this assignment, Col Norton was the Commander of the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, a team of 1,100 Airmen conducting National and Air Force cryptologic missions associated with CENTCOM, AFRICOM, EUCOM and SOCOM operations.



EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelors of Science in Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 2001 Aerospace Basic, Maxwell AFB AL
- 2002 Intelligence Officers Course, Goodfellow AFB TX
- 2006 Intelligence Sensor Weapons Instructor Course, Distinguished Graduate, Nellis AFB NV
- 2007 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell AFB AL
- 2011 Master of Strategic Intelligence, American Public University 2011 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2019 Master of Science, National Security Studies, National War College

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 2001 – Apr 2002, Executive Officer, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow Air Force Base TX
2. May 2002 – Dec 2002, Student, Intelligence Officer Course, 315th TRS, Goodfellow AFB TX.
3. Jan 2003 – Jun 2003, Senior Duty Director, USAFE Intelligence Operations Center Watch, Ramstein AB, GE
4. Jul 2003 – May 2004, Deputy Flight Commander, Mission Management, 24th Intelligence Squadron, Ramstein AB GE
5. Jun 2004 – Mar 2005, Flight Commander, Weapon & Tactics & Analysis, 24th Intelligence Squadron, Ramstein AB GE
6. Apr 2005 – Dec 2005, Chief, DGS-4 Standardizations & Evaluations, 24th Intelligence Squadron, Ramstein AB GE
7. Jan 2006 – Jun 2006, Student, Intelligence Sensor Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB NV
8. Jun 2006 – Apr 2008, Chief, National-Tactical Integration, 93d Intelligence Squadron, NSA/CSS-TX, Lackland AFB TX
9. May 2008 – Dec 2008, Chief, Standardizations & Evaluations, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland AFB TX
10. Dec 2008 – Feb 2009, Executive Officer to the Vice Commander, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland AFB TX





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11. Feb 2009 – Mar 2010, Aide-de-camp to the Commander, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland AFB TX
12. Apr 2010 – Jul 2010, Chief, ISR Weapons & Tactics, Lackland AFB TX
13. Jul 2010 – Jul 2013, Director of Operations, 361st Intelligence, Surveillance, & Reconnaissance Group, Hurlburt Field FL
14. Jul 2013 – Jul 2014, CSAF Foreign Policy Fellow, Georgetown University
15. Jul 2015 – Jul 2016, Action Officer, Counter Proliferation & Unified Collection Division, The Joint Staff J-39, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
16. Jul 2016 – Jul 2018, Commander, 25th Intelligence Squadron, Hurlburt Field FL
17. Aug 2018 – Jun 2019, Student, National War College, Washington D.C.
18. Jun 2019 – Jul 2020, Deputy Commanding Officer, Joint Cyber Operations Group (JSOC), Washington D.C.
19. Jul 2020 – Jun 2022, Deputy Director of Intelligence, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg NC
20. Jun 2022- Jul 2024, Commander, 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, Fort Eisenhower, GA
21. Jul 2024 – Present, Director of Intelligence, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 2015 – Jul 2016, Action Officer, Counter Proliferation & Unified Collection Division, The Joint Staff J-39, Pentagon, Washington D.C., as a Major
2. Jun 2019 – Jul 2020, Deputy Commanding Officer, Joint Cyber Operations Group (JSOC), Washington D.C., as a Lt Colonel
3. Jul 2020 – Jun 2022, Deputy Director of Intelligence, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg NC, as a Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: None

Flight hours: 500+ combat hours

Aircraft flown: U-28, DHC-7, BE300, BE350, C130J, CN235, and P-3C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal w/ two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal w/ two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal w/ three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal w/ "C" device & oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal w/ oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal w/ two oak leaf clusters

Distinguished - Presidential Unit Citation

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/ valor device and oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant August 16, 2001

First Lieutenant August 16, 2003

Captain August 16, 2005

Major October 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2015

Colonel February 1, 2021

(Current as of July 2024)

