



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COL WILLIAM W. PHILLIPS

Colonel William Phillips is the Director of Safety for Air Education and Training Command. His directorate is responsible for implementing the AETC Commander's safety program across the command.

Colonel Phillips was commissioned in 2001 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. After one operational tour flying the KC-135, he volunteered for an assignment to fly RQ-4s and has since completed assignments as a Director of Operations, Wing Chief of Safety, and Squadron Commander. Additionally, he served on the Joint Staff developing Sensitive Reconnaissance Operations (SRO) Policy and conducting oversight of SRO execution worldwide. Prior to his current position, he was an instructor in the Department of Joint Warfighting at Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base.

He is a Command Pilot with more than 3,200 flying hours, including over 1,300 combat hours in support of operations in the Middle East.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 Master of Business Administration, Trident University International, Calif.

2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2021 Masters of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2001 - March 2002, Executive Officer, 13th ASOS, Fort Carson, Colo.
2. April 2002 - November 2002, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 3rd Flying Training Squadron, Moody Air Force Base (AFB), Ga.
3. November 2002 - February 2004, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 86th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
4. February 2004 - March 2005, Pilot, 96th Aerial Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
5. March 2005 - March 2008, Pilot, 93rd Aerial Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
6. March 2008 - May 2011, Pilot, 12th Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
7. May 2011 - June 2014, Action Officer, Reconnaissance Operations Division, Joint Staff J-3, Pentagon, Wash. D.C.
8. June 2014 - June 2015, Director of Operations, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
9. June 2015 - Jun 2016, Chief of Safety, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, Calif.
10. June 2016 - June 2017, Commander, 99th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.
11. June 2017 - June 2019, Director of Staff, 613th Air Operations Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.
12. June 2019 - June 2020, Deputy Division Chief, Air Operations Division, PACAF A3/6, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.
13. June 2020 - June 2021, Student Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
14. June 2021 - Jun 2022, Instructor, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
15. July 2022 - Present, Director of Safety, AETC, JBSA Randolph AFB, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2011 – June 2014, Action Officer, Reconnaissance Operations Division, Joint Staff J-3, Pentagon, Wash. D.C., as a Major

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 3,200

Aircraft flown: KC-135R/T, RQ-4A, RQ-4B, T-6A, T-1

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary

Medal Global War on Terrorism Service

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 2001

First Lieutenant May 30, 2003

Captain May 30, 2005

Major April 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2016

Colonel October 1, 2022

(Current as of Jan 2023)