



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL KURT A. MATTHEWS

Col. Kurt Matthews is the Commander of the 927th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. He is responsible for the organization, training, equipping, and worldwide readiness of a Reserve wing of approximately 950 Citizen Airmen and Civilians. The 927th Air Refueling Wing supports contingencies and humanitarian operations around the world with in-flight air refueling, cargo airlift and passenger movement in the KC-135R Stratotanker. The wing provides additional combat-ready forces from Aeromedical, Logistics Readiness, Security Forces, Force Support, Operations Support, and Aeromedical Evacuation squadrons

Colonel Matthews is a 1990 graduate of the University of Miami, where he earned a regular commission as an Air Force ROTC distinguished graduate. His previous commands include the 308th Rescue Squadron, 919th Special Operations Group, the 920th Rescue Operations Group, and the 920th Rescue Wing. He has flown in Operations Provide Comfort II, Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and conducted rescues in hurricanes Floyd, Katrina and Rita. Additionally, he is a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School and completed Air Force Special Operations Command's Air Commando training.



EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, University of Miami, Fla.
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2001 Masters of Aeronautical Science with honors, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2014 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, National Defense University, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1991–Apr 1992, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. April 1992–August 1992, Aerial Port Duty Officer, Dover AFB, Del.
3. August 1992–September 1993, HH-60G Helicopter Pilot, Homestead AFB, Fla.
4. September 1993–May 2006, HH-60G Helicopter Pilot, Squadron Weapons and Tactics, Patrick AFB, Fla.
5. June 2006–June 2008, Space Operations Officer, McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.
6. July 2008–June 2010, HH-60G Helicopter Pilot, group Weapons and Tactics, Patrick AFB, Fla.
7. June 2010–November 2012, Commander, 308th Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla.
8. November 2012–June 2014, Personnel Recovery/Special Operations Branch Chief, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga.
9. June 2014–May 2016, Commander, 919th Special Operations Group, Duke Field, Fla.
10. May 2016–December 2016, Commander, 920th OG, Patrick AFB, Fla.
11. December 2016–December 2019, Commander, 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, Fla.
12. December 2019–Present, Vice Commander, 22nd Air Force, Dobbins ARB, Ga.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight hours: more than 3,150
Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, UH-1, HH-60G, C-145A, HC-130P/N

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Joint Service Commendation Medal
Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 10, 1990

First Lieutenant May 10, 1993

Captain Aug. 8, 1996

Major April 20, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel April 20, 2008

Colonel Sept. 1, 2013

(Current as of Sep 2021)