



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COL CHRISTOPHER J. WILL

Colonel Christopher J. Will is the Commander, 756th Detachment, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, located at The Citadel in Charleston, SC. Colonel Will is responsible for the supervision and training of the largest cadet corps in the Air Force, with over 700 cadets. He also serves as Professor of Aerospace Studies; his staff of motivated, professional officers and senior non-commissioned officers administer a robust training program, to include formal classroom instruction, leadership laboratory, physical fitness, and officer candidate mentoring. Prior to his assignment as Commander of the 765th Detachment, Colonel Will served as the Air National Guard Liaison to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters Air Force, where he led several efforts on behalf of the Chief of Staff to resolve the Air Force pilot shortage. He was directly responsible for the Industry Collaboration effort within the Aircrew Crisis Task Force, and regularly worked closely with senior Air Force leaders, airline executives, and universities to institute a program to recruit and train future Air Force pilots.



Colonel Will received his commission via the Reserve Officer Training Corps from the University of Southern California in 1993, and graduated from the Dedman School of Law in 1996. He served as a Judge Advocate until 1998 before attending flight training at Columbus Air Force Base, where he earned Distinguished Graduate, Command Trophy and Military Trophy honors.

He has served as the Chief of Flight Safety for the 366th Air Expeditionary Group and 479th Air Training Group, and has flown combat missions in Operation Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He is a Command Pilot and Instructor with 52 combat missions and over 2000 total flight hours in the F-16C/D, MQ-1B and AT-38C.

EDUCATION:

1993 Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude – Political Science, Claremont-McKenna College, CA
1996 Juris Doctorate – Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University, TX
1998 Air Force Judge Advocate General School, Maxwell AFB AL
2002 Flight Safety Officer School, Kirtland AFB NM
2003 Squadron Officer School in residence, Maxwell AFB AL
2006 United States Department of Justice Trial Advocacy Course, Columbia, SC
2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2015 Legislative Affairs, Government Affairs Institute, Georgetown, Washington DC

ASSIGNMENTS:

October 1996 – December 1996, Student, Air Force JAG School, Maxwell AFB, AL
December 1996 – May 1998, Chief, Operations Law, Fairchild AFB, WA
May 1998 – June 1999, Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
June 1999 – May 2000, F-16 Formal Training Course, 308th FS, Luke AFB, AZ
May 2000 – May 2001, Dep Chief of Scheduling, 389th FS, Mountain Home AFB, ID

May 2001 – January 2003, Chief of Flight Safety, 366th AEW, Mountain Home AFB, ID
January 2003 – October 2003, Chief of Training, 389th FS, Mountain Home AFB, ID
October 2003 – September 2004, Chief of Scheduling, 49th FTS, Moody AFB, GA
October 2004 – September 2005, Asst Dir of Operations, 49th FTS, Moody AFB, GA
October 2005 – September 2006, Chf of Flight Safety, 479th FTG, Moody AFB, GA
September 2006 – September 2007, Chief of Life Support, 119th FS, Atlantic City, NJ
September 2007 – May 2009, Dep Chief, Combat Forces Branch, NGB/A3OC, Arlington, VA
June 2009 – May 2010, Chief, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Branch, NGB/A2CR, Arlington, VA
June 2010 – May 2012, Chief, Airborne ISR Division, NGB/A2C, Andrews AFB, MD
June 2012 – May 2014, Chief, Force Planning & Basing Division, NGB/A8F, Andrews AFB, MD
June 2014 – August 2015, Director, Plans and Requirements, NGB/A5, Pentagon, Andrews AFB, MD
September 2015 – February 2017, Deputy Director, NGB-LL, Pentagon, Washington, DC
March – October 2017, ANG Liaison to Air Force Operations, HAF/A3G, Pentagon, Washington, DC
November 2017 – Present, Commander, 765th AFROTC Detachment, The Citadel, Charleston, SC

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Over 2000 total hours ; 52 combat missions

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-16CG, F-16CJ, AT-38B, F-16C+, MQ-1B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 1 device

Air Medal with 2 devices

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 device

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor with 2 devices

National Defense Service Medal with 1 device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraqi Campaign Medal with 1 device

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Medal with 4 devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Jun 1993

First Lieutenant Apr 1995

Captain Jul 1998

Major Feb 2005

Lieutenant Colonel Jun 2009

Colonel May 2013

(Current as of Nov 2017)