



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

COLONEL MATTHEW A. MORAND

Col Matthew A. Morand is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 765 at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. Col Morand is responsible for the supervision and training of one of the largest cadet corps in the Air Force, with over 500 cadets. He also serves as Professor of Aerospace Studies; his staff of motivated, professional officers and non-commissioned officers, administer a robust training program, to include formal classroom instruction, leadership laboratory, physical fitness, and officer candidate mentoring.

Col Morand graduated from The Citadel in 1995 as a Distinguished Air Force Graduate. His assignments include Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, Satellite Command and Control, Assignments Officer at the Air Force Personnel Center, Operations Officer of 12th Space Warning Squadron (SWS) at Thule Air Base, Space and Missile Defense Action Officer at the Joint Staff J3, Commander of 13th SWS at Clear Air Force Station, Executive Officer to the Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) Vice Commander, Deputy Commander of 21st Operations Group, Chief of Senior Leader Management at HQ AFSPC, Director of National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Operations Center, and Commander of Space Operations Group at Aerospace Data Facility- East. Prior to his current position, the Colonel was the Deputy Director of Mission Operations at the NRO in Chantilly, Virginia, where he was responsible for executing space-based intelligence, supporting National, Department of Defense, and Intelligence Agencies.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2007 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2008 Masters of Science in Space Studies, American Military University
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 95 – April 96 Student, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Initial Qualification Training, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB), Calif.
2. April 96 – March 97 Standardization/Evaluation Missile Deputy Combat Crew Commander, 321st Operations Group, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
3. March 97 – August 98 Instructor Combat Crew Commander, 321st Operations Support Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
4. August 98 – January 99 Student, Defense Satellite Communications System III Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
5. January 99 – September 99 Satellite Vehicle Operator and Crew Commander, 3 SOPS, Schriever AFB, Colo.

6. September 99 – June 01 Evaluator, DSCS III On-Orbit Engineer and Mission Planner, 3d Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
7. June 01 – August 02 Executive Officer, 50th Operations Group, Schriever AFB, Colo.
8. August 02 – June 04 Operations Officer, Vandenberg Tracking Station, Detachment 1, 22nd Space Operations Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
9. June 04 – June 06 Space and Missile Assignments Officer, AFPC, Randolph AFB, Texas
10. June 06 – June 07 Action Officer, Commander's Action Group, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
11. June 07 – June 08 Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kan.
12. July 08 – July 09 Operations Officer, 12th Space Warning Squadron, Thule Air Base (AB), Greenland
13. August 09 – May 10 Joint Staff Action Officer, J39 Space & Missile Defense Division, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. May 10 – June 11 Executive Assistant, Director for Operations (J3), The Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. June 11 – June 12 Joint Staff Action Officer, J36 Space and Missile Defense Division, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. June 12 – May 13 Commander, 13th Space Warning Squadron, Clear Air Force Station (AFS), Alaska
17. June 13 – July 14 Executive Officer to the Vice Commander, AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
18. July 14 – September 15 Deputy Group Commander, 21st Operation Group, Peterson AFB, Colo.
19. September 15 – July 16 Chief, Senior Leader Management, HQ AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
20. July 16 – June 17 Director, National Reconnaissance Operations Center, Chantilly, Va.
21. June 17 – July 19 Commander, Space Operations Group, Aerospace Data Facility East, Fort Belvoir, Va.
22. July 19 – June 20 Deputy Director, Mission Operations Directorate, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.
23. June 20 – Present Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 765, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal
Alaska Distinguished Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 13, 1995
First Lieutenant May, 31 1997
Captain May 31, 1999
Major October 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel August 1, 2010
Colonel November 1, 2016
Colonel January 7, 2021 – United States Space Force

(CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 2021)