



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JESSICA A. TOMPKINS

Lt Col Jessica A. Tompkins is the commander of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 001 in Anchorage, Alaska. She is responsible for overseeing the preparation and training of officer candidates through a comprehensive college program at the University of Alaska and three cross-town universities.

Lt Col Tompkins received her commission in 2006 as a graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps and was then assigned to Eglin Air Force Base as a Developmental Engineer. While at Eglin AFB, she served as an A-10 Test Engineer and air-to-surface weapons Test Engineer. She then deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM to Joint Base Balad, Iraq and served as the theater Joint Combat Assessment Team Lead before being accepted to the United States Air Force Test Pilot School (TPS). After graduating TPS as a Flight Test Engineer, she served again at Eglin AFB where she led the 80+ member Combat Air Forces Command and Control Test Flight as Flight Commander. Lt Col Tompkins then served at the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base, California in the Remote Sensing Systems Directorate. She then went on to teach multivariate calculus as a Senior Instructor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Prior to her current assignment, Lt Col Tompkins served as the Deputy Group Commander of the 412th Operations Group, Edwards Air Force Base, California. The 412th Operations Group is the Air Force's largest Flight Test Operations Group and is responsible for executing over 300 test programs on 76 aircraft of 12 different types, both manned and remotely piloted.

EDUCATION

2006 Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach
2006 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2011 Master of Science, Flight Test Engineering, USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, California
2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2016 Master of Science, Aeronautics/Aviation Safety, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Worldwide Campus
2018 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2023 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2006 – September 2008, Developmental Test Engineer, 40th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
2. September 2008 – December 2010, Deputy Flight Commander, Air to Surface Test Flight, 780th Test Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla (February 2010-August 2010, Joint Combat Assessment Team Lead, deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq).
3. January 2011 – December 2011, Student, United States Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
4. January 2012 – December 2013, Deputy Flight Commander, Sensors and Defensive Systems Flight, 46th Test Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
5. December 2013 – January 2016, Flight Commander, Combat Air Force Command and Control Test Flight, 46th Test Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

6. January 2016 – September 2016, Developmental Test and Evaluation Lead, Remote Sensing Systems Directorate, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
7. September 2016 – July 2017, Systems Engineering Branch Chief, Remote Sensing Systems Directorate, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
8. July 2017 – May 2019, Staff Director, Remote Sensing Systems Directorate, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
9. June 2019 – July 2022, Senior Instructor and Finance Division Chief, Department of Mathematical Sciences, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
10. July 2022 – June 2024, Deputy Group Commander, 412th Operations Group, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
11. July 2024 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 001, Anchorage, Alaska.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Flight hours: more than 200

Aircraft flown: 30+ types; primarily C-130, P-8A, King Air, Airbus 319, C-12, and T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Iraqi Campaign Medal with device

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2006

First Lieutenant May 31, 2008

Captain May 31, 2010

Major October 1, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2021

(Current as of July 2024)