



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MICHELLE L. PRYOR

Colonel Michelle Pryor is the Vice Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. In this capacity, she is responsible for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training for United States Air Force and allied pilots. Col Pryor is second in command of a flying operation that exceeds 80,700 flying hours and 54,400 sorties per year. The wing operates 216 training aircraft, including the T-1, T-38, and T-6. The 47th FTW includes nearly 2,800 Air Force and civilian personnel whose annual payroll nears \$140 million, and the morale and welfare of a total base community exceeding 5,400 personnel. Prior to her assignment at the 47th Flying Training Wing, Colonel Pryor was the Chief, Multinational Operations Division at the Pentagon, where she served as the Joint Staff lead for the Multinational Interoperability Council.



Colonel Pryor is a 1997 distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. She earned her pilot wings at Laughlin Air Force Base, TX in 1999 and is a command pilot with over 4,000 flying hours in the T-37, KC-135R/T, C-12 and T-1 aircraft. Her previous staff assignments include an internship at the Pentagon, a tour in the Combat Operations Division of the Korea Air and Space Operations Center at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, and a fellowship at the State Department serving in the Political-Military Affairs Bureau. Her deployments include a tour as the Director of Operations, 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron.

### EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, USAF Academy, CO
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2003 Master of Arts in Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington DC
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2007 Air Force Intern Program (IDE credit from 2003)
- 2011 Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2014 Air Force Fellow (National Defense Fellow – State Department)

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1997 - February 1998, training manager, 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
2. February 1998 - February 1999, student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX
3. March 1999 - June 1999, student, T-37 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, TX
4. June 1999 - June 2002, T-37 instructor pilot, flight scheduler, category check pilot, squadron executive officer and flight commander, 84th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, TX
5. June 2002 - June 2003, Air Force intern, Pentagon, VA
6. June 2003 - October 2003, student, KC-135 Aircraft Commander Initial Qual, Altus AFB, OK
7. October 2003 - May 2006, executive officer, chief of training and evaluator pilot, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
8. May 2006 - June 2006, student, Air and Space Operations Center School, Hurlburt Field, FL
9. June 2006 - July 2006, student, C-12, Aircraft Commander Initial Qual, Elmendorf AFB, AK

10. July 2006 - July 2007, C-12 instructor pilot and Flt CC, current operations, 607th Combat Operations Division, Osan AB, ROK
11. July 2007 – May 2010, wing executive officer and squadron director of operations, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK
12. May 2010 – September 2010, student, T-1 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, TX
13. September 2010 – September 2012, director of operations and commander, 32d Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, OK
14. September 2012 – June 2013, commander, 3d Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, OK
15. July 2013 – June 2014, AF Fellow, State Department, Washington DC
16. June 2014 – June 2016, Chief, Multinational Operations Division, Joint Staff, J-3, Pentagon, VA
17. June 2016 – Present, Vice Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,000

Aircraft Flown: T-37, C-12F/J, KC-135R/T, T-1

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

PACAF CGO of the Year, 2005

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant: May 28, 1997

First Lieutenant: May 28, 1999

Captain: May 28, 2001

Major: November 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel: December 1, 2010

Colonel: August 1, 2015

(Current as of August 2016)