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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JESSE P. CALDWELL

Col. Jesse P. Caldwell is the Deputy Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. The wing consists of 2,800 personnel conducting undergraduate pilot training for more than 600 United States Air Force and allied student pilots each year. The wing operates 195 aircraft, consisting of the T-1A, T-6A and T-38C, and flies more than 66,000 hours and more than 44,000 sorties annually.

Colonel Caldwell received his commission in 2001 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Clemson University, South Carolina. As a mobility pilot, he has flown the C-130E/H and KC-135R/T aircraft supporting numerous contingency operations in Southwest Asia. He was selected for Air Mobility Command's PHOENIX REACH program in 2008 and later served as an Air Officer Commanding at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has flown over 3,300 flight hours performing combat airlift, airdrop, aeromedical evacuation, and air refueling missions. He commanded at the squadron level in garrison and combat. Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Caldwell was the Director of Operations, 618 Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center), Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.



EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science, Marketing, Clemson University, S.C.

2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2009 Master of Business Administration, Touro University International, Calif.

2010 Advanced Air Mobility Operations Course, USAF Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2014 Master of Arts, Counseling and Leadership, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colo.

2021 Master of Science, National Security and Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2002 - February 2003, Student. Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. March 2003 - September 2003, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, VT-35, Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Texas
3. September 2003 - September 2006, C-130H Pilot, Mobility Officer & Executive Officer, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
4. September 2006 - September 2007, C-130H Aircraft Commander, Assistant Flight Commander, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. September 2007 - May 2008, C-130E/H Instructor Pilot, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. May 2008 - May 2009, Flight Commander, C-130E/H Instructor Pilot, 53rd Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
7. May 2009 - March 2011, Chief of Current Operations, KC-135R/T Aircraft Commander, 6th Operational Support Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.
8. March 2011 - December 2011, Director of Staff, KC-135R/T Aircraft Commander, 91st Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.





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9. January 2012 - April 2013, Chief of Training, KC-135R/T Instructor Pilot, 91st Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.
10. May 2013 - May 2014, Student, Air Officer Commanding Master's Program, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colo.
11. May 2014 - June 2016, Commander, Cadet Squadron 28, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
12. June 2016- May 2017, Director, Cadet Wing Operations, Commandant of Cadets, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
13. May 2017 - May 2018, Director of Operations, 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
14. September 2018 - June 2020, Commander, 91st Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla., and deployed as Commander, 28th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
15. July 2020 - June 2021, Student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
16. July 2021 - June 2023, Deputy Chief, Plans and Strategy Division, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
17. June 2023 - July 2024, Director of Operations, 618th Air Operations Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
18. July 2024 - Present, Deputy Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,300 including over 1,400 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37, TC-12B, C-130E/H, KC-135R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with ten oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	Jan. 3, 2002
First Lieutenant	Jan. 3, 2004
Captain	Jan. 3, 2006
Major	Jan. 1, 2012
Lieutenant Colonel	Jan. 1, 2017
Colonel	Aug. 1, 2023

(Current as of Dec. 2025)

