



COLONEL RICHARD J. GREIG

Col. Richard J. Greig is currently serving as the Commander of the 47th Operations Group, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He is responsible for overseeing the direct training of United States Air Force and allied partners, while also leading 1,100 active duty, civilian, and reserve personnel. As the largest pilot training base in the world, Laughlin graduates more than 409 student pilots each year. The group operates 160 aircraft, consisting of the T-6A and T-38C valued at more than \$836 million, and flies more than 57,000 hours and 41,800 sorties per year.

Col. Greig commissioned through the United States Air Force Academy in 2004 and was awarded his pilot wings in 2006. He has served as an instructor in the T-6A and T-38C, and as an evaluator in the PC-12 and U-28A. Col. Greig commanded the 12th Training Squadron, several deployed Special Operations detachments, been a director of wing plans, inspector general inspections director, a Special Operations Counter Terrorism planner at a Geographic Combatant Command, and a Branch Chief on the Joint Staff. Prior to his current position, Col. Greig was the Chief of Warfighter Requirements, Joint Staff J-8, Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization at the Pentagon.

Col. Greig deployed several times in support of U.S. Special Operations Command missions worldwide, including combat missions in Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, and the Arabian Peninsula.



EDUCATION

- 2004 Bachelor of Science, International History, minor in Mandarin, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
- 2004 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 Joint Operations Planning Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, American Military University, Manassas, VA
- 2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2015 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2016 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2024 Master of Science, Joint Warrior Studies Seminar, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2005 – February 2006, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 71st Operations Support Squadron, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma
2. February 2006 – June 2006, Instructor Pilot Trainee, 33d Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
3. June 2006 – February 2010, T-6 Instructor Pilot, Assistant Flight Commander, Standardization Evaluation Assistant Flight Commander, and Flight Commander, 33d Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
4. February 2010 – January 2011, U-28A Pilot 19th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida
5. January 2011 – January 2014, U-28A Pilot U-28A Aircraft Commander, U-28A Instructor Pilot, Chief of Contingency Plans, and Flight Commander, 34th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla (Deployed to various locations in Afghanistan, Horn of Africa, and the Arabian Peninsula in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and OPERATION INHERANT RESOLVE)





6. January 2014 – February 2016, U-28A Instructor Pilot, U-28A Evaluator Pilot, Special Missions Planner, Flight Commander, Assistant Operations Officer, Chief of Wing Plans, 1st Special Operations Air Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida
7. February 2016 – December 2016, U-28A Evaluator Pilot, Director of Wing Exercise Inspections, 1st Special Operations Wing Inspector General, Hurlburt Field, Florida
8. December 2016 – March 2019, Joint Counterterrorism and Future Operations Planner, J35, United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany
9. March 2019 – December 2019, Executive Officer to the Director of Operations, J3, United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany
10. December 2019 – July 2020, T-38C Pilot Instructor Training Trainee, 560th Flying Training Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio Randolph, Texas
11. July 2020 – November 2020, T-38C Instructor Pilot and Program Manager, Undergraduate Pilot Training Fighter Bomber Fundamentals, 19th Air Force, JBSA Randolph, Texas
12. November 2020 – May 2022, Commander, 12th Training Squadron, JBSA Randolph, Texas
13. May 2022 – July 2023, Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida
14. July 2023 – June 2024, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
15. June 2024 – May 2025, Chief, Warfighter Requirements, Joint Staff, J8 – Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization, Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia
16. May 2025 – June 2026, Chief of Staff to the Vice Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy's National Defense Strategy Core Writing Team Member, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia
17. June 2026 – Present, Commander, 47th Operations Group, Laughlin AFB, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2016 – December 2019, Counter Terrorism and Future Operations Planner and Executive Officer to the Director of Operations, J3, United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany as a Major and Lieutenant Colonel
2. June 2024 – May 2025, Chief, Warfighting Requirements, Joint Staff, J8 – Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization, Pentagon, Arlington, Va as a Lieutenant Colonel
3. May 2025 – Chief of Staff to the Vice Commander, United States Special Operations Command and National Defense Strategy Core Writing Team, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Arlington, Va as a Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 3600 (more than 1100 in combat)

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-38C, T-6A, PC-12, U-28A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal, with 2 oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal, with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal, with 9 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal, with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION [MILITARY ONLY]

Second Lieutenant June 2, 2004

First Lieutenant June 2, 2006

Captain June 2, 2008

Major July 1, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2019

Colonel July 1, 2025

(Current as of June 2026)

