



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL JOSEPH D. MCCANE

Colonel Joseph “Angry” McCane is currently serving as the Commander of the 47<sup>th</sup> 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 350 student pilots each year. The group operates 209 aircraft, consisting of the T-1A, T-6A, and T-38C valued at more than \$1.3 billion, and flies more than 81,000 hours and 56,000 sorties per year.

Col McCane enlisted in the Air Force in August 1991 as an Air Transportation Specialist and separated from Active Duty in 1996 at the rank of Senior Airman. He then commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Oklahoma in 2001. Following commissioning, he entered Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin AFB, Texas and was selected to remain as a First Assignment Instructor Pilot (FAIP) in the T-1A Jayhawk. Following his tour in AETC, Col McCane went to AMC to fly the C-17A Globemaster III and deployed several times in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Later, he was assigned to a specialized unit where he flew the C-208 Grand Caravan, DHC-6 Twin Otter, BE-350 King Air and the C-130 E/H Hercules. He has had staff assignments at the MAJCOM and higher levels. He has deployed multiple times to Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Mediterranean in support of multiple contingency operations. Col McCane is a Command Pilot with over 1,500 combat hours and over 5,800 hours in the T-37C, T-6A, T-1A, C-17, C-130 E/H, BE-350, DHC-6, and C-208.



### EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.  
2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence and in-residence  
2011 Masters in Business Administration, Trident University, by correspondence  
2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2014 Masters in International Strategic Security Studies, National Defense University, Fort Bragg, N.C., in-residence  
2020 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2001 – January 2002, Casual Lieutenant, 72d Operational Support Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
2. January 2002 – February 2003, Student Pilot, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
3. February 2003 – August 2006, Instructor Pilot, T-1A, 86th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
4. August 2006 – January 2010, Instructor Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, C-17A, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
5. January 2010 – August 2014, Evaluator, Assistant Chief of Standardizations and Evaluations, C-208 and DHC-6, Data Masked
6. August 2014 – June 2018, Chief Special Activities Programs and Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
7. June 2018 – February 2020, Operations Officer, 48th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
8. February 2020 – July 2021, Commander, 14th Student Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
9. July 2021 – May 2024, Chief of Staff, Special Operations Command South, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.
10. May 2024 - Present, Commander, 47th Operations Group, Laughlin AFB, Texas

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 2021 – May 2024, Chief of Staff, Special Operations Command South, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., as a Colonel

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Total Flight Hours: 5,823 including more than 1,570 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37C, T-6A, T-1A, C-17, C-130 E/H, BE-350, DHC-6, C-208

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with twelve oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Achievement Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 30, 2001

First Lieutenant May 30, 2003

Captain May 30, 2005

Major June 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2016

Colonel August 1, 2022

**(CURRENT AS OF JUNE 2024)**