



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL CAREY J. JONES

Colonel Carey J. Jones is the 47th Flying Training Vice Wing Commander at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. In this capacity, she is responsible for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training for the United States Air Force and allied pilots. Col Jones is second in command of a flying operation that exceeds 81,000 flying hours and 56,000 sorties per year. The wing operates 210 training aircraft, including the T-1A, T-38C, and T-6A.

Colonel Jones was commissioned in 1996 as a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has served in multiple operational and training assignments in the F-15C and F-15E, including performing duties as an Aggressor, operations officer, and squadron commander for the unit responsible for producing all Air Force tactics, techniques, and procedures. She is also a joint-qualified officer and grand strategist, previously serving as the Strategy Division Chief for USAFE-AFAFRICA and as the Director of Training and Education in the Joint Functional Component Command-Integrated Missile Defense. Col Jones has participated in multiple contingencies, including Operations NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and NOBLE EAGLE. Prior to this assignment she served as the Operations Group Commander at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.



### EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, NC
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2009 Masters in Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, AL
- 2015 Masters in Strategic Studies (Grand Strategy), Air War College, AL

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1996 – March 1998, Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Pensacola NAS, FL
2. April 1998 – December 1998, Distinguished Graduate, F-15E Flying Training, 333rd FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
3. January 1999 – December 2002, Weapons Systems Officer, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
4. December 2002 – June 2004, Distinguished Graduate, Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
5. June 2004 – February 2005, F-15C Student, 2d Fighter Training Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
6. March 2005 – July 2008, Assistant Director of Operations, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK
7. August 2008 – May 2009, Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
8. June 2009 – May 2011, F-35 PEM/Branch Chief, A8F, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA
9. May 2011 – November 2011, Deputy Shift Director, Joint Operations Center, CJTF-1, Bagram AB, Afghanistan
10. November 2011 – June 2014, Director of Operations/Commander, 561st Joint Tactics Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
11. July 2014 – May 2015, Academic Distinction, Grand Strategy Seminar, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. June 2015 – July 2017, J7 Director of Training and Exercises, JFCC IMD, Schriever AFB, CO
13. July 2017 – November 2018, Strategy Division Chief, 603d AOC, Ramstein AB, Germany
14. November 2018 – July 2020, Operations Group Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX
15. July 2020 – present, Vice Wing Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX

**SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

June 2015 – July 2017, Director, J7 Training and Exercises, Joint Functional Component Command-Integrated Missile Defense, as a Lieutenant Colonel

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight Hours: 2,281

Aircraft Flown: F-15C/D, F-15E, T-38C

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal Air

Air Force Commendation Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant: June 21, 1996

First Lieutenant: June 21, 1998

Captain: June 21, 2000

Major: Sep 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel: September 1, 2011 Colonel:

November 1, 2017

(Current as of August 2020)