



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL NATHAN A. THOMPSON

Colonel Nathan A. Thompson is the Vice Commander of the 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. The wing consists of more than 2,800 personnel conducting specialized undergraduate pilot training for more than 511 U.S. Air Force and allied student pilots each year. The wing operates 210 aircraft, consisting of the T-1A, T-6A and T-38C, and flies more than 83,800 flying hours and 57,100 sorties per year.

Colonel Thompson graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2000. He is a command pilot with more than 2,100 hours including assignments flying F-15Cs in Europe and Alaska, teaching introduction to fighter fundamentals in Georgia and Oklahoma, and instructing undergraduate pilot training in Texas. Col Thompson previously commanded the 469th Flying Training Squadron at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He served in the 607th Air Support Operations Group and Seventh Air Force in Osan Air Base, South Korea. Prior to his current position, Colonel Thompson was the Chief of the Joint Fires Division, United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

### EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelor of Science, History, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2000 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2008 Master of Business Administration, Trident University International, Calif.
- 2013 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Master of Science, Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Joint Forces Staff College, Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2000 – March 2001, Deputy Exec Officer, 34th Operations Group; and Introduction to Flying Training Student Pilot, 557th Flying Training Squadron, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
2. March 2001 – July 2002, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 80th Operational Support Squadron, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
3. July 2002 – October 2002, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, 435th Fighter Training Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
4. October 2002 – May 2003, Student, F-15C training, 1st Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
5. May 2003 – March 2007, F-15C 4-ship Flight Lead and Assistant Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 493rd Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
6. March 2007 – June 2007, Flight Commander and AT-38C Instructor Pilot, 49th Fighter Training Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
7. June 2007 – June 2009, Flight Commander, Executive Officer, and AT-38C Instructor Pilot, 3rd Fighter Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
8. September 2009 – August 2010, Executive Officer and F-15C Pilot, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
9. August 2010 – August 2012, Director of Operations, 607th Air Support Operations Group, and Director

Commander's Action Group, Seventh Air Force, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea

10. August 2012 – August 2013, Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

11. August 2013 – June 2017, Director of Staff, 80th Flying Training Wing, and Commander, 469th Flying Training Squadron, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas

12. July 2017 – June 2018, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

13. July 2018 – May 2021, Joint Operations Planner, Continuity of Operations Program Manager, and Chief Joint Fires Division, United States European Command, Patch Barracks, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Germany

14. June 2021 – Present, Vice Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX

### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

July 2018 – May 2021, Joint Operations Planner, Continuity of Operations Program Manager, and Chief Joint Fires Division, United States European Command, Patch Barracks, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Germany, as a lieutenant colonel and colonel

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,100

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-38A, F-15C/D, and T-38C

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal and Two Oak Leaf Clusters

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2000

First Lieutenant May 31 2002

Captain May 31 2004

Major Jan. 1, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel Feb. 1, 2015

Colonel Jan. 1, 2021

*(Current as of June 2021)*