



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL LEE G. GENTILE, JR.

Colonel Lee G. Gentile, Jr. is the 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 350 U.S. Air Force and allied student pilots each year. The wing operates 216 aircraft, consisting of the T-1A, T-6A and T-38C, and flies more than 81,000 flying hours and 56,000 sorties per year.

Colonel Gentile was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. His flying assignments include duties as a T-37 instructor pilot, an A-10 and T-6 instructor pilot and flight examiner, the 51st Operations Group Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, the 14th Flying Training Wing Chief of Safety, the Commander of the 41st Flying Training Squadron, and the Director of the Air Force Element at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS. Colonel Gentile has three combat tours in Southwest Asia, where he served as a battalion air liaison officer with the 2-7 Cavalry Battalion during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II, flew with the 74th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and was the lead operational planner at the Air Forces Central Command Combined Air Operations Center. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Gentile served as the Vice Commander of the 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1997 ROTC, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA
- 1998 Master of Engineering in Space Operations, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO
- 1999 T-37 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, TX
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2002 Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Moody AFB, GA
- 2003 A-10 Initial Qualification Training, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, non-residence
- 2009 Master of Art in National Security and Strategic Studies, College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval Station Newport, RI
- 2009 Naval Operational Planner Course, Maritime Advanced Warfare School, Naval Station Newport, RI
- 2011 T-6 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, TX
- 2012 Air War College, non-residence
- 2015 Master of Military Art and Science in Strategic Studies, Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program at the School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, KS
- 2017 T-6 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1997 - May 1998, student, AFIT, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO
2. June 1998 - July 1999, student pilot, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
3. August 1999 - February 2003, T-37 Instructor Pilot and Assistant Flight Commander, 41st Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS
4. March 2003 - July 2006, Flt Commander and A/OA-10 Instructor Pilot, 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope AFB, NC
5. August 2006 - July 2008, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation and A/OA-10 Flight Examiner, 51st Operations Group, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
6. August 2008 - September 2009, student, College of Naval Command and Staff and the Naval Operational

Planners Course, Naval Station Newport, RI

7. October 2009 - July 2011, Deputy Chief, Operational Plans and Requirements Division, US Air Forces Central, Shaw AFB, SC
8. August 2011 - May 2012, Chief of Safety, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, MS
9. June 2012 - May 2014, Commander, 41st Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS
10. June 2014 - June 2015, student, Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program at the School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, KS
11. July 2015 – July 2017, Director, Air Force Element, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.
12. Aug 2017 – October 2018, Vice Commander, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, OK
13. October 201 – present, Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,300

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, A/OA-10, T-6

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1997

First Lieutenant May 28, 1999

Captain May 28, 2001

Major Feb. 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2011

Colonel Jun. 1, 2016

(Current as of November 2018)