



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LT COL BRIAN C. LEWIS

Lieutenant Colonel Brian Lewis is the Air Force Central Command (AFCENT) Chief of Safety at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, where he guides the execution of the Air Force Forces (AFFOR) safety program within the AFCENT area of responsibility through coordination with the AFFOR Commander (COMAFFOR), geographic Combatant Commands (GCC), and other Component Commands of the GCC, Host Nations, sister services, MAJCOMs/NAFs, and other governmental and non-governmental agencies on safety-specific theater issues and safety investigations.

Lt Col Lewis was previously the 62d Airlift Wing Director of Staff, where he led eighteen Wing Staff Agencies, responsible for the daily operations of the 62d AW Commander and Vice Commander's key programs, as well as a critical part of the strengthening of the Joint Base Lewis-McChord daily operations and integration. He was the 62d AW Chief of Safety on two tours, where he led an award-winning team in their mission to prevent loss of life and vital resources, while preserving the wing's combat capability through proactive education, effective mishap analysis, and aggressive risk management.



Prior to his assignment at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Lt Col Lewis was assigned to Headquarters Air Mobility Command as the Deputy Chief of the Nuclear Operations Division and the Chief of Nuclear Airlift Operations. He served as both the Command and Service expert for the Prime Nuclear Airlift Force mission, as well as the expert for all mobility nuclear missions. He reinvigorated, developed, and implemented the Air Force's nuclear airlift operations policies and continuously coordinated with Department of Defense, Department of Energy, United States Transportation Command, and Headquarters Air Force in the command's execution and oversight of the Air Force Chief of Staff's #1 priority – Continuing to Strengthen the Air Force Nuclear Enterprise.

Lt Col Lewis molded the future of the C-17A crew force as an Operations Group Evaluator Pilot and the Deputy Chief of Standardizations and Evaluations. He was a Prime Nuclear Airlift Force (PNAF) Courier and Aircraft Commander, responsible for the safe and secure airlift of nuclear cargo. He was also one of only six PNAF Evaluator Pilots in the Department of Defense, where he was responsible for evaluating the capabilities and qualifications of the DoD's only Nuclear Airlift crew force. Additionally, Lt Col Lewis served as a Presidential Airlift Advance Agent, where he directly ensured the safety and security of the Commander in Chief. He has deployed in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH as a C-130 Navigator, as well as deployed multiple times and led wartime aircrews as an Instructor Pilot and Aircraft Commander in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT, including tours as the AFCENT Chief of Safety and CENTCOM DDOC Chief of Staff. Additionally, he led the first C-17A mission into Haiti in support of Operation SECURE TOMORROW. As a Flight Safety Officer, Chief of Flight Safety, and three-time Chief of Wing Safety, Lt Col Lewis has investigated hundreds of mishaps, which have resulted in improved guidance, training, and flight operations throughout the Air Force. He has served as the Assistant Operations officer in two C-17 squadrons, responsible for mentoring Airmen of all ranks, while ensuring a combat-ready force is trained and properly equipped to execute the squadron's global combat airlift missions. Lt Col Lewis is a Senior Pilot with over 3,300 hours in strategic, tactical, and training aircraft flown throughout his career.

EDUCATION:

2012 Air War College, Air University Distance Learning Program
2011 Master of Aeronautical Science, Aviation Aerospace Safety Specialization, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Worldwide Campus
2009 Air Command and Staff College, Air University Distance Learning Program
2003 Squadron Officers School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
1994 Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Science and Technology, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mar 96 – Jun 96 Officer Training School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
2. Jun 96 – Nov 96 Support Officer, 366th Training Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
3. Nov 96 – Jun 97 Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, VT-10, 325th Fighter Wing, NAS Pensacola, FL
4. Jul 97 – Feb 98 Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, 562d Flight Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, TX
5. Apr 98 – Sep 98 Student, C-130 Navigator Training, 314th Operations Group, Little Rock AFB, AR
6. Oct 98 – Sep 99 C-130E/H Navigator, 39th Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
7. Oct 99 – Oct 00 Student Pilot, 47th Flight Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX
8. Nov 00 – Feb 01 C-17A Student Pilot, 58th Airlift Squadron, Altus AFB, OK
9. Feb 01 – Apr 04 C-17A Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot, Deputy Chief of Tactics, Chief of Safety, Flight Safety Officer, 15th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
10. Apr 04 – May 05 Chief of Wing Flight Safety, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, SC
11. Jun 05 – Apr 07 C-17A Evaluator Pilot, Prime Nuclear Airlift Force Aircraft Commander, Deputy Chief of Operations Group Stan/Eval, 62d Operations Group, McChord AFB, WA
12. May 07 – Sep 07 Air Cell Deputy Chief, then Chief of Staff, CENTCOM DDOC, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
13. Oct 07 – Jun 08 C-17A Evaluator Pilot, Prime Nuclear Airlift Force Aircraft Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, then Chief of Safety, 62d Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, WA
14. Jun 08 – Jun 13 Deputy Chief, Nuclear Operations Division and Chief, Nuclear Airlift Operations Branch, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL
15. Jul 13 – Nov 14 Chief of Safety, then Director of Staff, 62d Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA
16. Dec 14 – Present Assistant Director of Operations, 10th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA
17. Aug 15 – Present Headquarters Air Force Central Command Chief of Safety, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Aerial Achievement Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Air Force Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Senior Pilot
Flight hours: Over 3,300, including over 330 combat hours (88 sorties)
Aircraft flown: C-17A, T-1A, T-37, C-130E, C-130H, T-43, T-34C

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Lieutenant Colonel October 1, 2011
Major July 1, 2006
Captain June 21, 2000
First Lieutenant June 21, 1998
Second Lieutenant June 21, 1996
(Current as of December 2015)