



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL TRENT R. CARPENTER

Colonel Trent R. Carpenter is Commander, 609th Air Operations Center, and leads over 700 Joint and Coalition personnel providing command and control over air operations across the 4.3 million square mile U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

Colonel Carpenter was born 14 December 1969 at West Point Military Academy, New York. He earned his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1993. He then attended Undergraduate Air Battle Manager (ABM) Training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, earning his controller badge and ABM wings in 1997. He has served in several positions at the squadron, wing, and headquarters levels (Combatant Commander and Air Staff), and flown/executed in support of Operations NORTHERN and SOUTHERN WATCH, ALLIED FORCE, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NOBLE EAGLE. In addition, he commanded the 726<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron (CRC) and led them in combat operations during two deployments to Iraq (727<sup>th</sup> EACS), Qatar (71<sup>st</sup> EACS), and Afghanistan in support of Operations NEW DAWN and ENDURING FREEDOM, and also served as the Regional Air Defense Commander for Iraq and Afghanistan.



Colonel Carpenter and his wife, JoAnn Carpenter of Oklahoma City, OK, have a daughter, Ashleigh (13), and sons Alex (12), and Anderson (5).

### EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Science Business Management, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1999 Squadron Officers School, in residence
- 2001 USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev. (distinguished graduate)
- 2006 Master of Aeronautical Science Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2007 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Master of Strategic Studies, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 1993 – Sep 1995, Project Officer, B-1B Defensive System Upgrade Program, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
2. Sep 1995 – Sep 1996, Program Manager, CV-22 Multi-Mode Radar Development Program, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
3. Sep 1996 – Jun 97, student Undergraduate Air Battle Manager Training, Tyndall AFB, FL
4. June 1997 – December 1997, student and Air Weapons Officer, 552d Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
5. January 1998 – January 2000, Chief, Combat Plans and Exercises, 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK

6. Jan 2000 – Jan 2001, Deputy Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
7. Jan 2001 – Feb 2002, Chief, Weapons and Tactics / Instructor, 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
8. Jul 2001 – Dec 2001, student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. February 2002 – March 2004, Chief, Weapons and Tactics / Evaluator, 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB, UT
10. Mar 2004 – Jun 2005, Assistant Operations Officer-Academics, 8th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
11. Jun 2005 – Jul 2006, Assistant Operations Officer-ABMs, 8th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
12. Jul 2006 – Jun 2007, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
13. Jun 2007 – Jun 2009, Chief, C2 Inspections, NORAD IG, Peterson AFB, CO
14. Jun 2009 – Jun 2010, Dir of Operations, 607th Air Control Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
15. Jun 2010 – Aug 2012, Commander, 726th Air Control Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
16. Aug 2012- Jul 2013, Chief, C2 Requirements Branch, C2ISR Capabilities Requirements Division, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC.
17. Jul 2013 – Jun 2014, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.
18. Jul 2014 – Jul 2015, Chief, Command and Control Core Function Team, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA.
19. Jul 2015 – Present, Commander, 609th Air Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

#### **FLIGHT / AIR BATTLE MANAGER INFORMATION**

Rating: Master Air Battle Manager

E-3B/C Flight Hours: 1585 (77 combat, 400+ combat support)

CRC: 950+ combat/combat support hours

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Iraq Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster

NATO Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant                      2 June 1993

First Lieutenant                         2 June 1995

Captain                                     2 June 1997

Major                                        1 October 2003

Lieutenant Colonel                      1 October 2008

Colonel                                     1 February 2015

(Current as of July 2015)