



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL FREDERICK A. COLEMAN III

Colonel Frederick "Trey" Coleman is Commander, 609th Air Operations Center, U.S. Air Forces Central Command (AFCENT), Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. He leads over 900 Joint and Coalition personnel in two geographically-separated locations, providing command and control (C2) of air operations in the Central Command Area of Responsibility.

Colonel Coleman entered the Air Force in May, 1999, upon graduation from Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN, and was commissioned through the ROTC program at University of St. Thomas. A Master Air Battle Manager (ABM), he has over 2600 flying hours in the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), including over 400 combat and combat support hours, flying in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Coleman is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the Eisenhower School at National Defense University. He also served as the Commander of the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron in Okinawa, Japan. Prior to his assignment at the 609th Air Operations Center, Colonel Coleman was the Levant Branch Chief at U.S. Central Command, J5 Strategic Plans Division, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Bay, Florida.



EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Northwestern College, St. Paul, MN
- 2002 Master of Science in Psychology, Walden University, St Paul, MN
- 2011 Master of Military Art, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 Master of Philosophy in Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2016 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Washington, DC

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 1999 – Sep 2000, Air Battle Manager Student, 325 TRS, Tyndall AFB, FL
2. Sep 2000 - Oct 2001, Air Weapons Officer Student, 552 TRS, Tinker AFB, OK
3. Oct 2001 - Sep 2003, Air Weapons Officer, 964 AACCS, Tinker AFB, OK
4. Sep 2003 - Aug 2004, RTU Instructor Air Weapons Officer, 966 AACCS, Tinker AFB, OK
5. Aug 2004 - Feb 2005, Assistant Flight Commander, 964 AACCS, Tinker AFB, OK
6. Feb 2005 - Jun 2006, Flight Commander, 964 AACCS, Tinker AFB, OK
7. Jun 2006 - May 2007, Chief of Stan Eval, 964 AACCS, Tinker AFB, OK
8. May 2007 - Jul 2008, Chief of AWACS Mission Crew, OGV, 3 OG, Elmendorf AFB, AK
9. Jul 2008 - Jul 2009, Chief, Wing Inspections & Exercises, XP, 3 WG, Elmendorf AFB, AK
10. Jul 2009 - Jun 2010, Wing Executive Officer, 3 WG, Elmendorf AFB, AK
11. Jul 2010 - Jun 2011, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. Jun 2011 - Jul 2012, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
13. Jul 2012 - May 2013, Director of Operations, 961 AACCS, Kadena AB, Okinawa
14. May 2013 - July 2015, Commander, 961 AACCS, Kadena AB, Okinawa
15. July 2015 - July 2016, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Washington DC
16. July 2016 - March 2018, Strategic War Planner, Levant Branch, J5-Plans, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL

17. March 2018 – June 2019, Branch Chief, Levant Branch, J5-Plans, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL

18. June 2019 – Present, Commander, 609th Air Operations Center, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 22 May, 1999

First Lieutenant 22 May, 2001

Captain 22 May, 2003

Major 1 May, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel 1 Nov, 2012

Colonel 1 Feb, 2019

(Current as of June 2019)