



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CORY R. CHRISTOFFER

Col Cory R. "Ogre" Christoffer is the Combined Air Operations Deputy Director and the 609th Air Operations Center Deputy Commander at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. In this role, Col Christoffer leads more than 850 joint and coalition personnel, guiding the Department of Defense's largest joint and combined air combat operation. Additionally, Christoffer directs command and control of the Arabian Gulf, synchronizing the coalition deterrence posture. He is responsible for planning, executing, deconflicting, and assessing daily air tasking orders for operations within the CENTCOM AOR, consisting of 11.5 thousand sorties per year from 70 nations. Before graduating Air War College in 2019, he was Commander, 47th Student Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas.

Colonel Christoffer earned his commission in 1998 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at the University of Texas. He is a command pilot with 3159 flight hours in the F-15C/D, the T-38A/B/C and the T-37B. He has held a number of leadership positions at the squadron, group and wing level, including three positions on Higher Headquarters combat staffs in Kandahar and Kabul, Afghanistan. Col Christoffer has participated in multiple OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE assignments ensuring homeland security. He was a key air planner for OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and the RESOLUTE SUPPORT MISSION, and is currently serving OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE.



Col Christoffer is married to the former Gina Rae Smith of Oxford, Alabama. They have two children, Ava (16), and Amelia (4).

EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science and K-12 Teaching Certificate in Kinesiology, University of Texas, Austin, TX
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, Top Third Program, Outstanding Contributor, Right of Line, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, Distance Learning Program, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 Master of Arts in Christian Leadership, Liberty Theological Seminary, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA
- 2011 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2014 Air War College, Distance Learning Program, Outstanding Graduate, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2019 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 1998 – Feb 1999: Casual student, 435th FTS, Randolph AFB, TX
2. Feb 1999 – Mar 2000: Student, Top Red Bull Award, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX
3. Mar 2000 – Aug 2000: Student, Distinguished Graduate, T-38 Pilot Instructor (PIT), 560th FTS, Randolph AFB, TX
4. Aug 2000 – Apr 2003: Instructor pilot, check pilot, assistant flight commander, 87th FTS, Laughlin AFB, TX
5. Apr 2003 – Jul 2003: Student, Distinguished Graduate, Air-to-Air Top Gun, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF), 435th FTS, Moody AFB, GA
6. Jul 2003 – Nov 2004: Student, Top Gun Award, F-15C Formal Training Unit (FTU), 1st FS, Tyndall AFB, FL
7. Nov 2004 – Apr 2007: F-15C Mission Commander, Flight Commander, Chief Squadron Scheduling, Chief Wing Training, 58th FS, 33rd OG, 33rd FW, Eglin AFB, FL
8. May 2007 – Jul 2007: Student requalification, PIT, 560th FTS, Randolph AFB, TX
9. Jul 2007 – Jun 2011: T-38C Instructor Pilot, T-38C Branch Chief Standardization and Evaluation, Wing Chief Flight Safety, 12th OG, 12th FTW, Randolph AFB, TX
10. Oct 2008 – Mar 2009: Chief Air Planner, CENTCOM/USFOR-A Integrated Planning Team, Kandahar, Afghanistan
11. Jun 2011 – Jun 2012: Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. Jun 2012 – May 2014: Chief Fighter Branch, Doctrine and Development, LeMay Center for AF Doctrine, Maxwell AFB, AL
13. May 2013 – Dec 2013: A5 Deputy Director for Strategic Planning, Headquarters, 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force- Afghanistan, Headquarters ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan

14. May 2014 – Jul 2014: Student requalification, PIT, 560th FTS, Randolph AFB, TX
15. Jul 2014 – Dec 2015: Director of Operations and T-38C Instructor Pilot, 47th Student Squadron and 87th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas
16. Dec 2015 – Oct 2016: Chief of Wing Safety and T-38C Instructor Pilot, 47th Flying Training Wing and 87th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas
17. Oct 2016 – Jun 2018: Commander and T-38C Instructor Pilot, 47th Student Squadron and 87th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas
18. Jun 2018 – Jun 2019: Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
19. Jun 2019 – present: Deputy Director, Combined Air Operations Center, and Deputy Commander, 609th Air Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 3159

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

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Army Commendation medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
AF Organizational Excellence Award
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two devices

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	21 Jun 1998
First Lieutenant	21 Jun 2000
Captain	21 Jun 2002
Major	01 Apr 2008
Lieutenant Colonel	01 Sep 2013
Colonel	01 Jun 2019

(Current as of Jun 2019)