



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL TOMMY F. TILLMAN, JR.

Colonel Tommy F. Tillman is the Wing Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Mississippi. He directs the operations, maintenance and support of the Wing's assigned C-17 Globemaster III aircraft tasked with providing global strategic and tactical airlift in support of National Command Authority objectives and the objectives of the Governor of Mississippi. The 172d Airlift Wing is comprised of more than fifteen local and geographically separated units, and is capable of supporting airlift and aeromedical evacuation operations, tactical airlift control, combat civil engineering, air control, and combat readiness and training.

Colonel Tillman enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard in March 1987. After five years of enlisted service, he commissioned through the Academy of Military Science in July 1992. Colonel Tillman started his flying career at Reese Air Force Base, Texas and is a command pilot with more than 4,450 total flying hours in the C-141B/C and C-17A aircraft. He has held numerous positions at the squadron and wing level and through his expertise, was selected as Initial Cadre for the 172d Airlift wing's transition to the C-17 Globemaster III. Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Tillman served as the 172d Airlift Wing Vice Commander and Air Commander, implementing the Wing Commander's vision to train, equip and maintain combat mission ready operational and support forces to meet federal and state response requirements.



EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
- 1993 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2015 Master of Business Administration, Trident University International

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1992–August 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. September 1993–December 1993, Student, C-141B Formal Training Unit, Altus AFB, Okla.
3. December 1993–December 1997, C141B Pilot, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
4. December 1997–October 2001, Command and Control Officer, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
5. October 2001–July 2003, Wing Plans Officer, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
6. Jul 2003–August 2003, Student, C-17A Formal Training Unit, Altus AFB, Okla.
7. August 2003–July 2004, Assistant Flight Commander, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
8. July 2004–September 2009, Chief of Current Operations, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
9. September 2009–January 2013, Air National Guard Advisor to the Inspector General, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
10. January 2013–May 2014, Operations Group Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.

ASSIGNMENTS Cont'd

11. June 2014–May 2018, Vice Wing Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
12. June 2018–Present, Wing Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: more than 4450

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-1A, C141B/C and C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with ten oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service with five oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Training Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Mississippi Medal of Efficiency

Mississippi War Medal with oak leaf cluster

Mississippi Emergency Service Medal

Mississippi Service School Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Mississippi Longevity Medal with three oak leaf clusters

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of the United States, life member

National Guard Association of Mississippi, life member

Rotary Club, Flowood, MS, active member

Mississippi Young Men's Christian Association, board member

Mississippi Burn Foundation, board member

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, July 30, 1992

First Lieutenant, Nov. 5, 1994

Captain, Nov. 5, 1996

Major, Jan. 25, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel, June 2, 2005

Colonel, May 26, 2011

(Current as of June 2021)