



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL BRITT A. WATSON

Col. Britt A. Watson is the Vice Wing Commander, 186th Air Refueling Wing, Key Field Air National Guard Base, Meridian, Mississippi. The 186th Air Refueling Wing provides over 1,100 personnel and eight KC-135R aircraft to Air Mobility Command for worldwide operations. The wing also supports domestic counter-drug and emergency response missions with an RC-26B aircraft. Additional units include the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron, which serves as a combat force multiplier to U.S. Army counterparts, the 248th Air Traffic Control Squadron, capable of providing air traffic control services for any airfield worldwide, and the 186th Air Operations Group, which provides First Air Force staff augmentation to support the homeland defense mission and deliver defense support to civil authorities during domestic events.

Col. Watson received his commission in the Marine Corps from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1996. He joined the Air National Guard in 2009, where he has served in a variety of positions including command at the squadron and group level. He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in the F/A-18C/D, T-45C, MC-12W, C-27J, RC-26B, and KC-135R aircraft and has deployed in four different aircraft to various overseas locations, to include flying missions in Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to assuming his current position, the colonel served as the Commander, 186th Maintenance Group, Key Field ANGB, Mississippi.



#### EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Science, Systems Engineering, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
- 1997 The Basic School, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
- 2005 Expeditionary Warfare School, MCB Quantico, Va.
- 2008 Marine Corps Command and Staff College, MCB Quantico, Va., by seminar
- 2016 Air War College, by correspondence

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1996–April 1997, Student, The Basic School, MCB Quantico, Va.
2. April 1997–September 1997, Student, Aviation Preflight Indoctrination, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
3. September 1997–May 1998, Student, Primary Flight Training, Training Squadron 27, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas
4. May 1998–June 1999, Student, Intermediate Strike Training, Training Squadron 19, NAS Meridian, Miss.
5. June 1999–March 2000, Student, Advanced Strike Training, Training Squadron 21, NAS Kingsville, Texas
6. March 2000–April 2001, Student, Fleet Replacement Squadron, Fighter/Attack Squadron 125, NAS Lemoore, Calif.
7. April 2001–July 2004, Pilot, Forward Air Controller (Airborne), Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.
8. July 2004–May 2005, Student, Expeditionary Warfare School, MCB Quantico, Va.
9. May 2005–August 2005, Platoon Commander, Officer Candidate School, MCB Quantico, Va.
10. August 2005–March 2009, Instructor Pilot, Training Squadron 7, NAS Meridian, Miss.
11. May 2009–February 2014, Instructor Pilot, 186th Air Refueling Wing, Key Field ANGB, Miss.

**ASSIGNMENTS CON'T**

12. February 2014–November 2014, Program Manager, Mississippi RC-26 Program, and Commander, 186th Operations Support Squadron, Key Field ANGB, Miss.
13. November 2014–February 2018, Commander, 238th Air Support Operations Squadron, Key Field ANGB, Miss.
14. March 2018–February 2019, Commander, 186th Maintenance Group, Key Field ANGB, Miss.
15. February 2019–Present, Vice Commander, 186 ARW, Key Field ANGB, Miss.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 4,000 total hours, including more than 300 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-34C, T-2, T-45, F/A-18C/D, MC-12W, C-27J, RC-26B, KC-135R

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 26, 1996

First Lieutenant May 26, 1998

Captain June 1, 2000

Major June 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 20, 2011

Colonel March 1, 2018

(Current as of October 2021)