

# **BIOGRAPHY**



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES A. SINCLAIR

Lieutenant Colonel James A. Sinclair is currently Commander, 36<sup>th</sup> Tactical Advisory Squadron, 36<sup>th</sup> Contingency Response, 36<sup>th</sup> Wing, Andersen AFB, Guam. The 36<sup>th</sup> Tactical Advisory Squadron is the only Active Duty Air Advisor Squadron and is responsible for executing the Security Cooperation portfolio for Pacific Air Forces as well as supporting contingency operations, POTUS support, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief throughout USINDOPACOM.

Colonel Sinclair is a 2004 ROTC graduate of North Carolina State University. After commissioning, Colonel Sinclair attended Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training in San Antonio, Texas. After graduating from C-130 Mission Qualification Training in August 2006, he reported to Pope Air Force Base, NC. for duty as a C- 130 E/H Navigator, assigned to the 2nd Airlift Squadron. In July 2010, he was selected to be a Formal Training Unit Instructor at Little Rock AFB, AR. In July 2014, Colonel Sinclair was assigned to the AFSOUTH Air Operations Center as Airlift Control Team Chief, serving in multiple capacities collimating as Air Mobility Division Deputy Chief. From June 2019 to June 2020 Colonel Sinclair commanded multiple units as Commander, United States Forward Operating Location, Curacao and Aruba. Colonel Sinclair has been serving as Chief, AFTRANS Contingency Plans Branch, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Strategic Plans, Requirements, and Programs Directorate, Scott Air



Force Base, Illinois since July 2020. Colonel Sinclair has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT.

#### **EDUCATION**

- 2004 Bachelor of Arts degree in History, North Carolina State University
- 2011 Squadron Officer's School, Top 3rd Graduate, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 Master of Aerospace Science, Embry Riddle University
- 2014 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2020 Air War College, by correspondence

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

- 1. January 2005-February 2006, student, JSUNT, Randolph AFB, TX.
- 2. March 2006-August 2006, student, C-130 Mission Qualification Training, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 3. September 2006- February 2008, C-130E Navigator, Tactics Officer, 2nd Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, NC
- 4. March 2008-May 2009, Officer Scheduler, C-130E/H Navigator, 2<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, NC
- 5. June 2009- June 2010, Flight Commander, Aircrew Flight Equipment, C-130H2 Navigator, 2<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, NC.

- 6. July 2010-March 2011, Flight Commander, C-130E/H2 FTU Instructor Navigator, 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR.
- 7. April 2011-January 2013, Executive Officer, C-130H2 FTU Evaluator Navigator, 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR.
- 8. February 2013-June 2014, Chief of Wing Smart Operations, C-130H2 FTU Evaluator Navigator, 314<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 9. July 2014-September 2016, Chief of Airlift Control Team, 612th Air Operations Center, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
- 10. October 2016- May 2017, Chief of Air Mobility Team, 612th Air Operations Center, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
- 11. June 2017-September 2018, Standardization and Evaluations Chief, 612<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Center, Davis-Monthan AFB. AZ.
- 12. October 2018-May 2019, Deputy Chief, Air Mobility Division, 612<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Center, Davis-Monthan AFB, A7
- 13. June 2019-June 2020, Commander, 429 Expeditionary Operations Squadron/612<sup>th</sup> Theater Operations Group, Detachment 2, Forward Operating Locations Curacao and Aruba, Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- 14. July 2020-May 2023, Chief, AFTRANS Contingency Plans Branch, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Strategic Plans, Requirements, and Programs Directorate, Scott Air Force Base, IL.
- 15. June 2023-Present, Commander, 36th Tactical Advisory Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight hours: 2097, including 666 combat and 112 combat support hours

Aircraft flown: C-130 E/H/H2

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

Meritorious Service Medal with two leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Achievement Medal

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2009 C-130 Instructor Navigator School, Distinguished Graduate

2012 AETC Airlift/Tanker Young Leader Award

2014 Air Operations Center Initial Qualification, Honor Graduate

2016 AMC Command and Control Professional of the Year

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

Second Lieutenant 28 December 2004 First Lieutenant 28 December 2006 Captain 28 December 2008 Major 1 May 2015 Lieutenant Colonel 1 September 2019