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Lieutenant Colonel Micah R. “Brakes” McCracken

LtCol Micah McCracken currently serves the commander of the 36th Operations Support Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. In this role he synthesizes flying operations with his 107-member Squadron spanning 22 AFSCs at PACAF's largest bomber, fighter, and tanker ACE hub averaging 16k annual joint and coalition flight operations in support of DoD, AF, and international exercises and operations. He is also the 36th Wing focal point ensuring daily combat readiness through the meticulous management of equipment, facilities, and mission systems supporting INDOPACOM OPLANS.

LtCol McCracken earned his commission in 2008 through the ROTC program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Following graduation from pilot training at Vance AFB, OK in 2010, he was operationally assigned to the B-52H Stratofortress. LtCol McCracken has served in a variety of positions at the Squadron, MAJCOM, and Department levels as a weapons instructor, evaluator, requirements manager, and strategic bomber subject matter expert. He is a senior pilot with over 2,800 flight hours in the B-52H, T-38C, and T-6, including 361 combat hours in Operation INHERANT RESOLVE, FREEDOM SENTINAL, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the executive officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Strategic Deterrence & Nuclear Integration, Pentagon, DC.



EDUCATION

- 2008 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
- 2013 Squadron Officer School (Resident/Non-Resident), Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2014 Masters of Science, Business Administration, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.
- 2019 Nuclear Weapons Effects, Policy, and Proliferation Graduate Certificate, AFIT, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH.
- 2020 Air Command and Staff College (Non-resident), Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2022 National Laboratory Technical Fellow, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.
- 2023 Defense and Strategic Studies Graduate Certificate, Missouri State University, Stafford, VA.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2008 - September 2010, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, OK
2. September 2010 - June 2011, Student, B-52 Initial Qualification Course, Barksdale AFB, LA
3. June 2011 - April 2013, B-52 Pilot, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA (September 2012- February 2013, B-52 Pilot 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Andersen AFB, GU.)
4. April 2013 - August 2014, B-52 Aircraft Commander, Flight Commander, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
5. August 2014 - June 2015, B-52 Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA (September 2014- April 2015, B-52 Instructor Pilot 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Andersen AFB, GU.)
6. June 2015 - October 2016, B-52 FTU Instructor, Flight Commander, 11th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA





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7. October 2016 - April 2018, B-52 Weapons Instructor, Assistant Director of Operations, 69th Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, ND (September 2017- April 2018, B-52 Weapons Instructor 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
8. April 2018 - September 2019, B-52 Evaluator Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, 5th Operational Support Squadron, Minot AFB, ND (January 2019- April 2019, B-52 Weapons Instructor 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Andersen AFB, GU.)
9. September 2019 - July 2021, Test Branch Chief, B-21 Integration and System Management Office, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, DC
10. July 2021 - June 2022, Fellow, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN
11. June 2022 - June 2023, Chief Air Launched Systems, Capabilities Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, DC.
12. June 2023- December 2023, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, DC.
13. January 2024 - May 2025, Director of Operations, 36th Operations Support Squadron, Andersen AFB, GU
14. May 2025 – Present, Commander, 36th Operations Support Squadron, Andersen AFB, GU

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight Hours: Over 2,800 hours (including 361 combat hours)

Aircraft Flown: B-52, T-38, T-6

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant - May 9, 2008

First Lieutenant - August 9, 2010

Captain - August 9, 2012

Major - June 1, 2018

Lieutenant Colonel – March 1, 2023

(Current as of May 2025)

