



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT O. BECKENHAUER

Lieutenant Colonel Robert O. Beckenhauer is the commander of the 36th Contingency Response Squadron, Pacific Air Force's dedicated contingency response Air Base Opening unit. He leads a diverse group of Airmen capable of establishing airfields in austere environments to support mobility and fighter aircraft. His mission provides the combatant commander dynamic force employment options by enhancing freedom of maneuver during conflicts or natural disasters.

A 2003 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Lt Col Beckenhauer completed operational assignments in the KC-135R/T and the C-37A before being selected to crossflow to the C-17A as part of AMC's Phoenix Reach Program. Following these operational tours, he graduated from the Pol/Mil Affairs Strategist program at Air Command and Staff College, and then completed a Joint tour at U.S. Central Command as the Political/Military Affairs Chief for Lebanon and then Branch Chief for the Levant, Egypt, and Iraq. Most recently he served as the Chief of Safety for the 36th Wing at Andersen AFB.

Lt Col Beckenhauer is a Command Pilot with over 3,300 hours in the C-17A, KC-135R/T, and C-37A. This includes more than 700 Instructor/Evaluator hours and 1000 in combat supporting world-wide operations for multiple commands and theatres.



EDUCATION

- 2003 Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO.
- 2009 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2013 Master of Arts in Military Studies, American Military University, Charles Town, WV.
- 2017 Master of Arts in Military Operational Art/Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2018 Joint & Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Feb 2004 - Apr 2005 Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, OK
2. May 2005 - Sep 2005 Student, KC-135 Pilot Initial Qualification Training, Altus AFB, OK
3. Oct 2005 - Jul 2007 Training Officer & SELO, KC-135 Pilot, 350th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, KS
4. Aug 2007 - Sep 2008 Chief of Mobility & Assistant Training Flight Commander, KC-135 Aircraft Commander, 350th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, KS
5. Oct 2008 - Jun 2010 Group Executive Officer, KC-135 Instructor Pilot, 22nd Ops Group, McConnell AFB, KS
6. Jul 2010 - Jan 2012 Ops Support Flight Commander & Deputy Chief of Current Ops, C-37 Pilot, 309th Airlift Squadron, Chievres AB, Belgium
7. Feb 2012 - Oct 2012 Chief, Current Ops, C-37 Aircraft Commander, 309th Airlift Squadron, Chievres AB, Belgium
8. Nov 2012 - Jun 2013 ADO & Director of Staff, C-17 Aircraft Commander, 16th Airlift Squadron, JB Charleston, SC
9. Jul 2013 - Dec 2014 Chief of Current Ops, C-17 Instructor Pilot, 437th Ops Support Squadron, JB Charleston, SC
10. Dec 2014 - Nov 2015 Director of Staff, C-17 Evaluator Pilot, 437th Operations Group, JB Charleston, SC
11. Nov 2015 - Jun 2016 Chief, Wing Inspector General, C-17 Evaluator Pilot, 437th Airlift Wing, JB Charleston, SC
12. Jul 2016 - May 2017 Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

- 13. Jun 2017 - Mar 2018 Chief, Political/Military Affairs, Lebanon, CCJ5, USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, FL
- 14. Apr 2018 - Jun 2019 Chief, Levant Branch, Security Cooperation Division, CCJ5, USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, FL
- 15. Jul 2019 - Jun 2020 Chief of Safety, 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
- 16. Jun 2020 - Present Commander, 36th Contingency Response Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. Jun 2017 - Jun 2019 Chief, Political/Military Affairs, Lebanon, & Chief, Levant Branch, Security Cooperation Division (CCJ5), USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, FL, as a Major & Lieutenant Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Over 3,300

Aircraft flown: C-17A, KC-135R/T, C-37A, T-1, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 2003

First Lieutenant May 28, 2005

Captain May 28, 2007

Major August 1, 2013

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2018

(Current as of Jun 2020)