



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL THOMAS R. BOWMAN

Col. Thomas R. Bowman is the Commander of the 36th Operations Group, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The Group is comprised of two permanent units and remains prepared to sustain force projection of expeditionary joint service and partner nation units from the Second Island Chain within the USINDOPACOM Area of Responsibility.

Col. Bowman received his commission in 2000 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He has served in multiple B-1 assignments at the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota and 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. He also served as an operational planner at the 603rd Air Operations Center, Ramstein Air Base, Germany as well as the Chief of Staff, National Airborne Operations Center, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.



Col. Bowman is a command pilot with more than 2,900 hours in the B-1 and E-4B, including more than 1,200 combat hours. In addition to deploying as an operational planner in the Combined Air Operations Center, he has deployed multiple times in support of bomber operations in the Pacific and Southwest Asia.

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Science, Management, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
2000 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2010 Master's degree in Aviation Education, Trident University International, Calif.
2010 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2014 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 Air War College, by correspondence
2020 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
2021 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2001 - March 2002, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
2. June 2002 - January 2003, Student, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas.
3. January 2003 - May 2004, B-1 Pilot, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
4. May 2004 - November 2005, Assistant Chief of Scheduling, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
5. November 2005 - September 2006, Assistant Flight Commander, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

6. September 2006 - March 2008, Chief of Training, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
7. March 2008 - September 2009, Flight Commander, Wing Weapons and Tactics, 28th Operations Support Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
8. September 2009 - September 2010, Assistant Director of Operations, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
9. September 2010 - September 2011, Chief of Scheduling, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas.
10. September 2011 - September 2012, Director of Student Flying Training, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas.
11. September 2012 - July 2013, Assistant Director of Operations, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas.
12. July 2013 - August 2014, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. August 2014 - July 2015, Chief, Force Application Cell, 603rd Air Operations Center, Ramstein AB, Germany
14. July 2015 - May 2016, Chief, Target Effects Team, 603rd Air Operations Center, Ramstein AB, Germany
15. June 2016 - June 2018, Commander, 28th Operations Support Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
16. June 2018 - May 2019, Chief, Strategic Operations, Operations Team One, National Airborne Operations Center, Offutt AFB, Neb.
17. May 2019 - June 2020, Chief of Staff, National Airborne Operations Center, Offutt AFB, Neb.
18. June 2020 - May 2021, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
19. June 2021 - June 2023, Director of Plans and Policy, Joint Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, La.
20. June 2023 - Present, Commander, 36th Operations Group, Andersen AFB, Guam.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2018 – May 2019, Chief, Strategic Operations, Operations Team One, National Airborne Operations Center, Offutt AFB, Neb.
2. May 2019 – June 2020, Chief of Staff, National Airborne Operations Center, Offutt AFB, Neb.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight hours: More than 2,900
 Combat hours: More than 1,200
 Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, B-1, E-4B, KC-135R

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 31, 2000
First Lieutenant	May 31, 2002
Captain	May 31, 2004
Major	Feb 1, 2010
Lieutenant Colonel	Jul 1, 2015
Colonel	Nov 1, 2021

(Current as of November 2023)