



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MARK R. WASS

Col Mark R. Wass is Commander of the 36th Operations Group, 36th Wing, Anderson Air Force Base, Guam. The Group is comprised of two permanent units and multiple F-15, F-16, F-22, B-1B, B-2A, and B-52H expeditionary squadrons executing Pacific Command's Theater Security Package, Continuous Bomber Presence, and peacetime and combat operations in the Indo Pacific Region. The Group executes a 24 hour, 7 days a week operation at the most forward sovereign U.S. Air Force Base in the Indo Pacific and provides the deployment, employment, and integration of air and space forces in support of U.S. and allied interests.

Col Wass was commissioned in June 2000 through the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corp at Washington State University, Washington. Following graduation from Undergraduate Navigator Training and Electronic Warfare Training in April 2002, Col Wass was assigned to Dyess AFB, TX as a B-1B Weapon Systems Officer. Col Wass attended Weapons School and, following graduation in June 2007, was assigned to Ellsworth AFB where he served as both a squadron and wing weapons officer. He graduated from the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies in June 2013 and was assigned to Special Operations Command Pacific at Camp Smith, Hawaii. Col Wass served two years on the Joint Staff as the SOCPAC Long Range Plans and Theater Assessments Division Chief. He also served on the Air Staff as the Division Chief for Air Superiority Plans and Programs and the Joint Staff in both the Joint Force Training and Operations Directorates. Col Wass was the Commander, 379 Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.



Col Wass has more than 2000 flight hours in the B-1B, including 1200 combat hours. He has deployed four times in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Col Wass also served as the B-1B liaison officer to the 603rd Air Operations Center in support of Operation ODYSSEY DAWN.

EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Arts, Architecture, Washington State University, Wash.
- 2000 Bachelor of Science, Architecture, Washington State University, Wash.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Master of Aerospace Science and Technology, Embry Riddle University, Fla.
- 2012 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Master of Philosophy in Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2018 Master of National Security and Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School, Ft McNair, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 2000–October 2001, Student, Undergraduate Navigator School, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
2. October 2001–April 2002, Student, Electronic Warfare School, 563 FTS, Randolph AFB, Texas

3. April 2002–January 2007, Assistant Flight Commander/Instructor Weapon Systems Officer (3 OEF/OIF Deployments), 9 BS, Dyess AFB, Texas
4. January 2007–June 2007, Student, B-1 Weapons School, 77 WPS, Dyess AFB, Texas
5. June 2007–July 2008, Squadron Weapons Officer (1 OEF/OIF Deployment), 37 BS, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
6. July 2008–June 2011, Wing Weapons Officer/ Assistant Director of Operations (Operation Odyssey Dawn), 28 OSS, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
7. June 2011–June 2012, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. June 2012–June 2013, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. June 2013–June 2015, Division Chief of Long Range Plans and Theater Assessments, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii
10. June 2015–June 2016, Commander (Operation Inherent Resolve), 379 EOSS, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
11. June 2016–June 2017, Branch Chief of Air Superiority Programs, HAF/A8XC, Pentagon, D.C.
12. June 2017–June 2018, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft McNair, D.C.
13. June 2018–July 2019, Joint Staff J-7 Director's Action Group, Pentagon, D.C.
14. July 2019–May 2020, Joint Staff J-7, Deputy Division Chief, Joint Force Development Team, Pentagon, D.C.
15. May 2020–May 2021, Joint Staff J-36, Deputy Division Chief, Operations, Training, and Standardization Division, Pentagon, D.C.
16. May 2021—Present, Commander, 36th Operations Group, Andersen AFB, Guam

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: more than 2000, including 1200 combat hours

Aircraft flown: B-1B, T-39, T-1A, and T-34

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2001 Maj Gen William A. Cohen Strike Leadership Award, NAS Pensacola, Fla.

2010 Field Grade Officer of the Year, 28th Bomb Wing

2016 Air Force Chief of Safety Aircrew of Distinction Award

2017 Gen LeMay Bomber Crew of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2000

First Lieutenant May 31, 2002

Captain May 31, 2004

Major April 1, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2015

Colonel January 1, 2020

(CURRENT AS OF JUNE 2021)