



LIUTENANT COLONEL RAYMOND P. ZHANG

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond P. Zhang is currently Commander, 36th Tactical Advisory Squadron, 36th Contingency Response Group, 36th Wing, Andersen AFB, Guam. The 36th 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.

Lieutenant Colonel Zhang received his commission in 2009 through the United States Air Force Academy. He completed pilot training in 2010 and has flown both the C-130H and C-5 aircraft. He has operated in Europe, Asia-Pacific, and has participated in operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Resolute Support, Freedom's Sentinel, and Inherent Resolve. Additionally, he is a Language Enabled Airmen Program (LEAP) Scholar for Mandarin Chinese and has contributed numerous times in advancing U.S. Mission objectives in China. In 2019, he was selected for the Foreign Area Officer Fellowship and became a certified USINDOPACOM Foreign Area Officer in 2020.

Prior to his current position, Lieutenant Colonel Zhang was deployed as the 13th Expeditionary Air Force, Detachment 1, Director of Operations. He oversaw critical activities, key leader engagements and advising missions operations with a key strategic USINDOPACOM partner. He has also served as an Assistant Director of Operations Officer and the Chief of Current Operations. In those capacities, he oversaw all squadron flying operations and ensured combat ready status for 231 members and commanded a 16-member team that managed all Higher Headquarters and Combatant Command mission taskings for the 436th Air Mobility Wing and 512th Airlift Wing respectfully. As a Foreign Area Officer, he has served in various diplomatic, staff, and operational positions, including Major Command Deputy Branch Chief and Country Director.



EDUCATION

- 2009 Bachelor of Science degree in Military Strategic Studies, minor in Chinese, USAFA, CO
- 2010 Air Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2014 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2015 Master in International Relations, Troy University, AL
- 2019 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2020 Foreign Area Officer Fellowship, Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 2009 – Sep 2010: Student, Pilot Training, 8th Flight Training Squadron, Vance AFB, OK
2. Sep 2010 – Jun 2011: Student, Pilot Training, 31st Training Squadron, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, TX
3. Jun 2011 – Jul 2013: C-130H Pilot/Training Officer, 53d Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR
4. Jul 2013 – May 2018: C-5M Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, 22d Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
5. May 2018 – Mar 2020: Country Director, NE Asia, International Affairs Division, PACAF, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
6. Mar 2020 – Aug 2021: Deputy Chief, Development Branch, Strategic Competition Division, PACAF, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
7. Aug 2021 – Oct 2022: C-5M Aircraft Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, 9th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
8. Oct 2022 – Sep 2023: C-5M Instructor Pilot, Chief of Wing Current Operations, 436th Operations Support Squadron, Dover AFB, DE





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

- 9. Oct 2023 – May 2024: Director of Operations, 13th Expeditionary Air Force, Detachment 1, East Asia
- 10. June 2024 – Present: Commander, 36th Tactical Advisory Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot
Flights hours: 2300 hours
Aircraft flown: C-5B/C/M, C-130H, T-44, T-6

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	27 May 2009
First Lieutenant	27 May 2011
Captain	27 May 2013
Major	01 Jan 2019
Lieutenant Colonel	01 May 2024

(Current as of May 2024)

