



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOSEPH K. KRAMER

Col Joseph Kramer is the commander of the 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. As commander, he is responsible for the health and welfare of more than 13,000 active duty members, civilian employees, and family members. In addition, he provides combat ready B-1B aircraft, crews, and associated combat support for global engagement taskings.

Col Kramer entered the Air Force through the United States Air Force Academy in 1999 after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in operations research. He commanded the 34th Bomb Squadron in support of Operations INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM's SENTINEL. Prior to his current position, the colonel was the Commander, 612th Air Operations Center, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.

Col Kramer is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in the B-1B and T-38A, including over 1600 combat hours in the B-1B.



EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science, Operations Research, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Col.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2007 Master of Arts, Aeronautical and Aviation Science and Technology, University of Embry Riddle, Daytona, Fla.
- 2008 B-1B Weapons Instructor Course, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2012 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Master of Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2017 Master of National Security and Strategic studies, National War College, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1999 – January 2001, Officer in Charge, Communications Control Center, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
2. January 2001 – August 2002, Executive Officer, 1st Operations Group, Langley AFB, Va.
3. August 2002 – April 2004, Student Pilot, 47th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Tx.
4. April 2004 - April 2005, B-1 Formal Training Student, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Va.
5. April 2005 - December 2006, Chief of Ground Scheduling and B-1 Pilot, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Tx. (May 2006 – September 2006, B-1 Pilot, 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Diego Garcia)
6. December 2006 – May 2007, Flight Commander and B-1 Aircraft Commander, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Tx.
7. May 2007 – July 2008, Assistant Director of Operations and B-1 Instructor Pilot, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Tx. (July 2007 – January 2008, B-1 Instructor Pilot, 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
8. July 2008 – December 2008, Student, B-1B Weapons Instructor Course, 77th Weapons, Dyess AFB, Tx.

9. January 2009 – September 2010, Chief of Squadron Weapons and Tactics, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. (January 2010 – July 2010, Chief of Squadron Weapons and Tactics, 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
10. September 2010 - August 2011, Chief of Wing Weapons and Tactics, 28th Operations Support Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
11. August 2011 - June 2012, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. June 2012 - August 2013, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. August 2013 - May 2014, Assistant Director of Operations, 28th Operations Support Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
14. May 2014 - November 2014, Director of Operations, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
15. November 2014 - June 2016, Commander, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. (January 2015 – July 2015, Commander, 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
16. June 2016 - June 2017, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
17. June 2017 - June 2018, Deputy Division Chief, Force Protection Division, Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-8, Arlington, Va.
18. June 2018 - July 2019, Director A3, Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
19. July 2019 - May 2021, Commander, 612th Air Operations Center, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
20. June 2021 - Present, Commander, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Tx

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2017 – June 2018, Deputy Division Chief, Force Protection Division, Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-8, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2018 – July 2019, Director A3, Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,000, including 1660 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-38A, B-1B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with silver cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

PUBLICATIONS

“Joining Forces: Preparing to Fight Coalition Air War,” School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., 2013

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1999

First Lieutenant June 2, 2001

Captain June 2, 2003

Major Dec. 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel Nov, 1, 2013

Colonel March 1, 2019

(Current as of July 2021)