



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JASON E. PATLA

Colonel Jason E. Patla is the Commander of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 157, who administers and provides a college-level officer training program for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona State College, and the University of Central Florida-Daytona Beach. Colonel Patla is responsible to the Universities and AFROTC for recruiting, training, motivating, and educating Air Force officer candidates. He instructs courses in leadership, national security, and air power history. Colonel P is responsible for who is accepted, trained, and ultimately commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Air Force.



Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Patla served as the Commander, 2d Weather Group, 557th Weather Wing, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He led more than 550 active duty, civil service and contract personnel comprised of 6 Squadrons and 8 geographically separated units on 3 continents. The group operates and sustains the Air Force's \$323M strategic weather enterprise, delivering decision-quality, authoritative space and terrestrial environmental intelligence in support of national security objectives.

Colonel Patla entered the Air Force in 1994 through Purdue University's ROTC program. His background includes serving in various academic roles, both as a Master of Science student at Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. student at the University of Hawaii, with a focus on Tropical Meteorology and Climatology, respectively. He has served as a Program Manager for HQ PACAF and as a Typhoon Duty Officer at the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Colonel Patla has also commanded at many Air Force organizational levels, including as the Commander of the 17th Operational Weather Squadron and as the Deputy Commander of the 8th Mission Support Group at Kunsan Air Base, where he assisted with the command of over 1,300 personnel in 5 unique squadrons supporting a critical COMPACAF power projection platform for the Korean Theater. Additionally, he has deployed as a Staff Weather Officer in support of Operation JOINT GUARDIAN at the Bosnian Combined Air Operations Center and as an Expeditionary Weather Flight Commander in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

1994 B.S. in Atmospheric Science, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
1998 M.S. in Tropical Meteorology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
2008 Ph.D. in Climatology, University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI
2016 M.S. in Strategic Studies (with Academic Distinction), Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.
2004 Air Command and Staff College, (by correspondence)
2007 IDE/AFIT Ph.D. Program, University of Hawaii
2009 Air War College, (by correspondence)
2016 Air War College (in residence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 1994 – Aug 1996: Wing Weather Officer, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Florida
2. Aug 1996 – Jul 1998: AFIT Master's Degree Student, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
3. Jul 1998 – Jan 1999: Typhoon Duty Officer, Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Andersen AFB, Guam
4. Jan 1999 – May 2000: Chief, Typhoon Ops Center, Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Pearl Harbor, HI
5. May 2000 – Apr 2002: Chief, PACAF METSAT Weather Programs, HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB, HI
6. Apr 2002 – Jul 2004: Weather Flight Commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Florida
7. Jul 2004 – Jul 2005: Commander, 607th Weather Squadron Det 2, Cp Humphreys, Republic of Korea
8. Jul 2005 – Jul 2008: IDE Student, AFIT/CI Ph.D. Program, University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI
9. Aug 2008 – Jun 2009: Operations Flight Commander, 14th Weather Squadron, Asheville, NC
10. Jun 2009 – May 2011: Director of Operations, 14th Weather Squadron, Asheville, NC
11. Jun 2011 – Jun 2013: Commander, 17th Operational Weather Squadron, Hickam AFB, HI
12. Jun 2013 – Jul 2014: Deputy Commander, 8th Mission Support Group, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
13. Jul 2014 – Jul 2015: Chief, PACAF Weather Operations Branch, HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB, HI
14. Jul 2015 – Jun 2016: Student, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
15. Aug 2016 – Jul 2018: Commander, 2d Weather Group, Offutt AFB, NE
16. Aug 2018 – Present: Commander, AFROTC Det 157, Embry-Riddle Aero University, Daytona Bch, FL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two Oak Leaf Cluster

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air and Space Campaign Medal

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant: September 1, 1994

First Lieutenant: September 1, 1996

Captain: September 1, 1998

Major: December 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel: November 1, 2009

Colonel, February 1, 2016

(Current as of July 2018)