



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL GREGORY A. KRANE

Colonel Gregory A. Krane is the commander, 601st Air Operations Center, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. The 601 AOC plans, directs, and assesses air and space operations for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the United States Northern Command. The AOC provides aerospace warning and control for NORAD Defensive Counter Air activities, as well as directing Air Force air and space capabilities in support of USNORTHCOM homeland security and civil support missions. The 601 AOC fills the critical need to meet the challenge of directing all air sovereignty activities for the continental United States and is the new-age combat weapon system needed to fulfill that crucial defense role by remaining vigilant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Prior to his current assignment, Col. Krane was the commander for the 101st Air and Space Operations Group, where he was responsible for the approximately 400 Title 32 Florida Guardsmen that staff and support the 601 AOC.

Col. Krane was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in June 1996. He is a senior air battle manager with more than 1,000 hours of operational experience in the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System. Col. Krane also served as an evaluator and instructor senior director at the Southeast Air Defense Sector and a mission crew commander at the Eastern Air Defense Sector. He has also filled critical Weapons and Tactics positions at the Numbered Air Force, Group, and Squadron levels. He controlled and directed operational missions in several worldwide theaters to include combat and combat support missions in Operations NOBLE EAGLE, NORTHERN WATCH, and ALLIED FORCE.



EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, Florida International University, Miami, Fla.
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2005 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence)
- 2010 Masters of Human Resource Management, Troy University, Troy, Ala.
- 2013 Air War College by correspondence)
- 2015 National Security Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York
- 2017 Air National Guard Commander's Development Course

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 1996-August 1997, Student, Air Battle Manager Course, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
2. August 1997–October 1999, Air Battle Manager/Electronic Combat Officer, 963d Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
3. Oct 1999–Sep 2000, Instructor/Evaluator Electronic Combat Officer, 966d Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
4. September 2000–July 2001, Chief, Standards/Evaluations, Electronic Combat Section, 552d Operations Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
5. July 2001–June 2005, Instructor/Evaluator Air Battle Manager/Senior Director, Southeast Air Defense Sector, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
6. June 2005–Jun 2006, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, Southeast Air Defense Sector, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
7. June 2006–August 2010, Chief, Strategy Plans and Strategy Planner, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

8. August 2010–June 2012, Chief, Current Operations, First Air Force, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
9. June 2012–February 2013, Deputy Chief, Combat Plans Division, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
10. March 2013–March 2014, Deputy Chief, Strategy Division, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
11. April 2014–February 2015, Deputy Chief, Combat Operations Division, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
12. March 2015–August 2017, Chief, Combat Operations, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
13. September 2015–March 2016, Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Division, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
14. August 2017–April 2018, Deputy Chief of Staff, First Air Force, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
15. April 2018–September 2019, Commander, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
16. September 2019–present, Commander, 601st Air Operations Center, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior air battle manager

Flight hours: More than 1,000 hours

Aircraft flown: E-3B/C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

AF Outstanding Unit Award with 3 oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 3, 1996

First Lieutenant July 3, 1998

Captain July 3, 2000

Major, Aug. 5, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel, Aug. 6, 2010

Colonel, March 12, 2015

(Current as of February 2020)