



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MATTHEW E. JONES

Colonel Matthew Jones is the commander, 101st Air and Space Operations Group. He is responsible for approximately 400 Title 32 Florida Guardsmen that staff and support the 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.

Col. Jones was commissioned through the Academy of Military Science, Knoxville, Tennessee, in November 1998. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas. He is a command pilot with more than 2,600 hours of operational experience in the F-16 and served as an instructor pilot and mission commander with the 183d Fighter Wing, Springfield, Illinois, and the 187th Fighter Wing, Montgomery, Alabama. Col. Jones has supported more than 70 combat missions and flown more than 320 combat hours in support of Operations NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM. He has also deployed in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.



#### EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2008 Air and Space Operations Center Defensive IQT Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 2010 Air and Space Operations Center Strategy IQT Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence
- 2013 Masters of Operational Art and Science, Joint Warfare, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2015 Air War College by correspondence

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1999–February 2000, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
2. February 2000–April 2000, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamental, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. April 2000–November 2000, Student, F-16C Basic Course, 182d Fighter Squadron, Kelly AFB, Texas
4. November 2000–June 2004, Chief of Scheduling, 170th Fighter Squadron, Springfield Air National Guard Base, Ill.
5. June 2004–June 2008, Chief of Training, 170th Fighter Squadron, Springfield ANGB, Ill.
6. June 2008–October 2009, Fighter Planner, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
7. October 2009–September 2012, Strategy Planner, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. September 2012–June 2013, Deputy Chief, Master Air Attack Plans Team, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
9. June 2013–July 2014, Senior Operations Duty Officer, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
10. July 2014–September 2015, Chief, Master Air Attack Plans Team, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
11. September 2015–September 2016, Deputy Chief, Combat Operations Division, 101st Air and Space

- Operations Group,  
Tyndall AFB, Fla.
12. September 2016–November 2017, Deputy Chief, Strategy Division, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
  13. November 2017–March 2018, Chief of Combat Operations, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
  14. March 2018–October 2019, Chief, Combat Operations Division, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
  15. October 2019–present, Commander, 101st Air and Space Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,600 hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-16B/C/D

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border and two oak leaf clusters

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Nov. 19, 1998

First Lieutenant Nov. 19, 2000

Captain Jan. 13, 2003

Major Jan. 19, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2013

Colonel July 27, 2017

(Current as of February 2020)