



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL TRAVIS T. BOLTJES

Colonel Travis T. Boltjes is the Chief of Staff at Continental North American Aerospace Defense Command Region – 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern), Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. He is a key advisor and authoritative consultant to senior staff, with oversight of a portfolio of Homeland Defense, Air Force Support to Civil Authorities, and Theater Security Cooperation programs.

Col Boltjes received his commission from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 2002 and completed undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi in 2004. He is a senior pilot with more than 1400 flight hours in the F-16C/CM/D. Before being assigned to CONR-1AF (AFNORTH), Col Boltjes was a Senior Policy Development Analyst in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Col Boltjes has served in various command, operational, and staff assignments, including serving as the Assistant Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau. Col Boltjes has deployed four times in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and has manned alert postured aircraft in support of OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE.



EDUCATION

- 2002 Bachelor of Science in Logistics and Intermodal Transportation, United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.
- 2008 Signature Management Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2013 Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) Course, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Contingency Wartime Planning Course (CWPC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Leadership in Homeland Security, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2015 Accelerated Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course (AAMOC), Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex.
- 2016 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2018 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
- 2019 Master of Public Policy, The George Washington University, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2003 – August 2004, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi
2. August 2004 – October 2004, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia
3. October 2004 – October 2005, F-16 Formal Training Course, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona
4. October 2005 – November 2010, Combat Mission Ready F-16 Pilot, 175th Fighter Squadron, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
5. November 2010 – October 2012, Action Group Program Manager, National Guard Bureau, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
6. October 2012 – March 2014, Combat Aviation Plans Officer, National Guard Bureau, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
7. March 2014 – May 2015, Assistant Executive to the Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. May 2015 – February 2017, Commander, 114th Maintenance Squadron, SD ANG, Joe Foss Field, South Dakota
9. February 2017 – August 2017, Special Assistant to NGB-J5, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. August 2017 – June 2018, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2018 – June 2020, Senior Policy Development Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary for Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
12. June 2020 – Present, Chief of Staff, Continental North American Aerospace Defense Command Region – 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern), Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2018 – June 2020, Senior Policy Development Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary for Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight Hours: 1460

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

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with three bronze stars

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with Gold Border and three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Longevity Service with four oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserves Medal with 2 'M' Devices

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

South Dakota Distinguished Service Ribbon

South Dakota Distinguished Unit Citation

South Dakota National Guard Service Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 24, 2002

First Lieutenant May 24, 2004

Captain May 24, 2006

Major June 12, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel August 21, 2014

Colonel April 26, 2018

(Current as of July 2020)