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## LIEUTENANT COLONEL GARY R. FRANTZ

Lt Col Gary R. Frantz is the Commander of First Air Force, Detachment 1, Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Detachment 1 is assigned to the 1 Canadian Air Division and Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Region Headquarters in support of the bi-national NORAD agreement between the governments of the United States and Canada. Detachment 1 provides 24/7 support in defense of the Canadian NORAD Region through planning, generation and execution of U.S. and Canadian aerospace power as well as administrative support to all U.S. military at Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg, including the USAF Brigadier General assigned as the Deputy Commander, Canadian NORAD Region. Additionally, Lt Col Frantz serves as the Division Chief to the 1 Canadian Air Division Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) Standards and Evaluations Division in support of NORAD and Canadian Joint Operations Command missions.

Lieutenant Colonel Frantz attended Northland College and received his commission from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in 2008. He has served in various positions including Chief Group Contingency Operations, Evaluator Senior Director and Air Battle Manager, Chief E-B/C Mission Crew Group Standardization and Evaluation, Chief of Current Operations, Flight Commander Distributed Mission Operations, and Operations Group Executive Officer. He has deployed three times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with more than 900 combat hours on the E-3B/C.



## EDUCATION

2005 Bachelor of Science, Meteorology, Northland College, Ashland, Wis.

2008 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2015 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2017 Master of Science, Aeronautical Technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

2021 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2008 – May 2009, Student Air Battle Manager, 325th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
2. May 2009 – September 2010, Student E-3B/C Air Weapons Officer, 552nd Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
3. September 2010 – January 2012, E-3B/C Air Weapons Officer, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
4. January 2012 – March 2013, E-3B/C Instructor Air Weapons Officer, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
5. March 2013 – March 2014, Assistant Flight Commander, E-3B/C Evaluator Senior Director, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
6. March 2014 – August 2014, Flight Commander, E-3B/C Evaluator Senior Director, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
7. August 2014 – July 2015, Flight Commander, E-3B/C Formal Training Unit Instructor Senior Director, 552nd Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.





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8. July 2015 – May 2016, Chief of Current Operations, E-3B/C Evaluator Senior Director, 962nd Airborne Control Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
9. May 2016 – May 2017, Chief E-3B/C Mission Crew Group Standardization and Evaluation, 3rd Operations Group, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
10. May 2017 – November 2018, Flight Commander Distributed Mission Operations, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
11. November 2018 – June 2020, Assist Director of Operations, Instructor Air Battle Manager, 337th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
12. June 2020 – July 2021, Operations Group Executive Officer, Instructor Air Battle Manager, 325th Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
13. July 2021 – October 2021, Command and Control Chief Group Standardization and Evaluation, Evaluator Air Battle Manager, 33rd Operations Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
14. October 2021 – March 2022, Student E-3G Air Battle Manager, 552nd Training Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
15. March 2022 – September 2022, Chief Standardization and Evaluation, 965th Airborne Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
16. September 2022 – January 2023, Deputy Chief Group Contingency Operations, 552nd Operations Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
17. January 2023 – June 2023, Chief Group Contingency Operations, 552nd Operations Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
18. June 2023 – July 2024, Assist Director of Operations, 552nd Operations Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Ok.
19. July 2024 – Present, Commander, First Air Force, Detachment 1, Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Air Battle Manager

Flight hours: more than 2,400

Aircraft flown: E-3B/C/G

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant January 18, 2008

First Lieutenant January 18, 2010

Captain January 18, 2012

Major October 1, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2024

(Current as of July 2024)

