



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL JOHN R. ROMERO

Colonel John Romero is Chief of Air Mobility Division for the 612<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, A.Z. As the Chief he directs airlift operations in South America & the Caribbean. He Supervises planning, coordination, & execution of military and commercial airlift. He managed a \$10M budget/2,000-hour flying program.

Colonel Romero is a 1981 graduate of Rutherford High School in Panama City, FL. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture economics in 1985 from Texas A&M University in College Station TX, and a Master of Science in Aerospace Science Technology from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach FL.

Colonel Romero was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1986 and is a master navigator with more than 4,000 hours in C-130s.

#### EDUCATION

- 1985 Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Economics, Texas A&M University
- 1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 1999 Master of Science in Aerospace Science Technology, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2007 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL



#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1986 – October 1986, Student Navigator, Mather AFB, CA
2. October 1986 – March 1987, C-130 RTU Training, Little Rock AFB, AR
3. March 1987 – June 1993 C-130E Evaluator Navigator/Special Operations Low Level, 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, AR
4. June 1993 – September 1995, Chief Navigator 36th Airlift Squadron and 374th Airlift Wing Tactician Yokota Air Base, Japan
5. September 1995 – June 1996, Aide-de-Camp, Commander United States Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan

6. June 1996 – March 1998, Airspace and Range Policy Officer, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC
7. March 1998 – June 2000, Washington DC Desk officer/Deputy Chief Assignments, AF Colonels' Group, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC
8. June 2000 – June 2001, Student, Air Command and Staff College Maxwell AFB, AL
9. Jun 2001 – December 2002, Assistant Director of Operations, 40th Airlift Squadron, 317th Airlift Group, Dyess AFB, TX
10. December 2002 – June 2003, Director of Operations, 39th Airlift Squadron, 317th Airlift Group, Dyess AFB, TX
11. June 2003 – February 2005, Commander, 2nd Airlift Squadron, 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, NC
12. February 2005 – June 2006, Chief Commanders Action Group, 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, NC
13. June 2006 – June 2007, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
14. June 2007 – July 2009, Deputy Group Commander, Pope AFB, AL

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Master Navigator  
 Flight Hours: More than 4,000  
 Aircraft Flown: C-130E/H

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

Bronze Star  
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
 Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal  
 Combat Readiness Medal  
 National Defense Service Medal  
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with one service star  
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Humanitarian Service Medal  
 Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
 Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	Jan 11, 1986
First Lieutenant	Jan 11, 1988
Captain	Jan 11, 1990
Major	Oct 1, 1997
Lieutenant Colonel	Apr 1, 2002
Colonel	Oct 1, 2007

(Current as of Jan 2010)