



# BIOGRAPHY

AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION CENTER

## COLONEL JOSEPH O. LITTLE

Colonel Joseph Little is the Commander of Detachment 5, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. He provides oversight for more than 144 unit-assigned personnel and operational control for more than 300 matrixed major command personnel located between Edwards AFB, Calif.; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and Boeing Field, Wash. AFOTEC Detachment 5 currently plans and executes tests on 20 different bomber, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (manned and unmanned), mobility, Air Force Special Operations, rotary-wing, and training aircraft and systems that are on Office of the Secretary of Defense oversight with a collective acquisition value of more than \$104 billion.

Colonel Little is an ROTC graduate from Norwich University. He has commanded at the Squadron level and held a variety of flying and staff jobs such as aircrew flight equipment flight commander, training flight commander, chief of weapons and tactics; wing weapons officer; wing executive officer, assistant director of operations; 36th Operations Support Squadron Director of Operations; Nuclear Planning Officer at U.S. Strategic Command; Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike Chief of Commander's Actions Group; and Deputy Commander for the 753rd Test and Evaluation Group. He has served at every major B-52 base to include Barksdale AFB, La., Minot AFB, N.D., and Andersen AFB, Guam. Colonel Little is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College and Air War College.



Prior to this assignment, Colonel Little was the inspector General for the 53rd Wing at Eglin AFB, Fla. He was responsible for matters concerning wing readiness, and efficiency of three groups and 34 squadrons spread over 16 geographically separated units. He also oversees the inspection and evaluation system for the entire wing.

Colonel Little is a Master Weapons Systems Officer with more than 3,000 hours, including 560 combat hours, in the B-52. He has flown B-52 combat missions during Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

### **EDUCATION:**

- 2001 Bachelor of Arts degree in history, Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.
- 2008 Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, NV
- 2008 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2012 Master of Arts degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 2014 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2013 Air Force Fellow, National Laboratory Technical Fellowship Program, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, Calif.
- 2014 Project Management Certification, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. June 2001 – June 2002, student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
2. June 2002 – December 2002, student, B-52 Initial Qualification Training, Barksdale AFB, La.
3. December 2002 – February 2005, B-52 navigator, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.

4. February 2005 – September 2005, B-52 radar navigator, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
5. September 2005 – January 2008, Flight Commander, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
6. January 2008 – July 2008, student, Weapons Instructor Course, Barksdale AFB La.
7. July 2008 – September 2008, Flight Commander, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La
8. September 2008 – December 2009, Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, 23rd Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
9. December 2009 – December 2010, Wing Weapons Officer, 5th Operations Support Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
10. December 2010 – February 2012, Wing Executive Officer, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.
11. February 2012 – June 2012, Assistant Director of Operations, 69th Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
12. June 2012 – June 2013, Director of Operations, 36th Operations Support Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam
13. June 2013 – May 2014, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. May 2014 – May 2015, Aircraft Strike Planner, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, Offutt AFB, Neb.
15. May 2015 – August 2015, Chief; Commander's Action Group, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, Offutt AFB, Neb.
16. August 2015 – April 2017, Chief; Bomber Assurance and Deterrence Branch, Joint Functional Component Command Global Strike, Offutt AFB, Neb.
17. April 2017 – July 2018, Director of Operations, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
18. July 2018 – July 2020, Squadron Commander, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
19. July 2020 – June 2022, Deputy Group Commander, 753rd Test and Evaluation Group, Eglin AFB, Fla.
20. June 2022 – June 2023, Inspector General, 53rd Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
21. June 2023 – present, Commander, Detachment 5, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Edwards AFB, Calif.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Master Combat System Officer  
 Flight Hours: More than 3,000, including 568 combat hours  
 Aircraft flown: T-43, T-1, B-1, B-52, F-16

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Aerial Achievement Medal  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Service Achievement Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star  
 Iraq Campaign Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Medal  
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" Device

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	May 6, 2001
First Lieutenant	June 1, 2003
Captain	June 1, 2005
Major	Jan. 1, 2011
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2016
Colonel	Dec. 1, 2022