



LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL 'LATCH' SIMPSON

Lt Col Michael Simpson is the Director of Communications and Information at Headquarters Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center (AFOTEC), Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. As Director, he oversees the modernization of AFOTEC's information technology infrastructure, supporting six directorates and four geographically separated detachments across the United States. This enables operational test and evaluation for major acquisitions. Additionally, he manages a \$20 million portfolio of communications systems, networks, information management, and information assurance, ensuring the full mission capability of AFOTEC's 750 personnel.

Lieutenant Colonel Simpson received his commission from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 2009, after completing his Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He completed Combat Systems Officer Training as an Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) in 2010 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Subsequently, he served as an EWO and Mission Crew Commander on the RC-135 V/W Rivet Joint, accumulating over 2,000 hours of flight time, including 839 combat hours in support of USCENTCOM operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

Prior to his current assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Simpson served as the Chief of Integration and Senior Operational Test Program Manager for AFOTEC, collaborating with headquarters staff, program managers, and AFOTEC's four detachments to execute operational tests and integrate operationally relevant exercises reflecting the future of global power competition. Previously, he was the Government Flight Representative to six defense contractors, overseeing depot maintenance and major aircraft modifications for 28 Mission Design Series.

EDUCATION

2009 Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ.

2015 Squadron Officer School, in-residence

2018 Master of Science in Space Studies, American Military University, Manassas, VA.

2022 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2022 Joint Forces Staff College, in-residence





ASSIGNMENTS

1. Oct 2009 – Jun 2010, student, undergraduate navigator training, Randolph AFB, TX
2. Jun 2010 – Dec 2010, student, electronic warfare officer, Randolph AFB, TX
3. Dec 2010 – Sep 2011, student, RC-135V/W Initial Qualification Training, 338 Combat Training Squadron (CTS) Offutt AFB, NE
4. Oct 2011 – Dec 2013, Command, Control, Communications, Computers, & Intelligence Duty Officer, 343 Reconnaissance Squadron (RS), Offutt AFB, NE
5. Dec 2013 – Apr 2015, Weapons and Tactics Officer, 343 RS, Offutt AFB, NE
6. Apr 2015 – Sep 2016, Assistant Flight Commander, Commander's Action Group (CAG), 343RS, Offutt AFB, NE
7. Sep 2016 – Apr 2017, Flight Commander, CAG, 343RS, Offutt AFB, NE
8. Apr 2017 – Apr 2018, Chief of Electronic Warfare, 338 CTS, Offutt AFB, NE
9. Apr 2018 – May 2019, Deputy Commander, 338CTS's Training Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
10. 10 May 2019 – Jun 2022, Government Flight Representative, Aircraft Maintenance Integrated Operations – GTX, Defense Contract Management Agency, Greenville
11. Jun 2022 – Dec 2023, Program Manager Combat Aircraft Division, AFOTEC, Kirtland AFB, NM
12. Dec 2023 – Sep 2024, Chief of Integration, AFOTEC, Kirtland AFB, NM
13. Sep 2024 – Present, Director, Communications and Information, AFOTEC, Kirtland AFB, NM

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS [OFFICER ONLY]

1. 10 May 2019 – Jun 2022, Government Flight Representative, Aircraft Maintenance Integrated Operations – GTX, Defense Contract Management Agency, Greenville, TX, Major

FLIGHT INFORMATION [FLIGHT RATED ONLY]

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight Hours: 2,071, including 839 combat hours

Aircraft Flow: RC-135V/W

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Air and Space Longevity Service Award with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Developmental Special Duty Ribbon

Air and Space Training Ribbon





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION *[MILITARY ONLY]*

Second Lieutenant - 9 Sep, 2009

First Lieutenant - 9 Sep, 2011

Captain - 9 Sep, 2013

Major - 1 July, 2019

Lieutenant Colonel – 1 July, 2024

