

# **BIOGRAPHY**



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

# **COLONEL JEFFREY L. NEWTON**

Colonel Jeffrey L. Newton is the Vice Commander, 117<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Alabama Air National Guard, located at the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport, Birmingham, Alabama. The 117<sup>th</sup> ARW is an Active Associate Wing with over 1,000 Air National Guard and Air Force active duty members supporting two KC-135R flying squadrons operating air refueling missions across the globe. Colonel Newton began his military career in February 1980 as an enlisted member in the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing supporting RF-4C aircraft. He graduated from the Academy of Military Science and promoted to Second Lieutenant in August 1989. His first assignment was Operations Support Officer for the 117th Resource Management Squadron. Since then he has served in numerous Logistics Management/Readiness Officer related career fields, either as a full-time Air Reserve Technician, or an Active Duty Guard/Reservist (AGR). Colonel Newton has deployed with his unit to numerous overseas locations including OPERATION Allied Force at



RAF Brize Norton, United Kingdom, and OPERATIONs Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Colonel Newton's previous assignment was Commander, 117<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group. Colonel Newton and his wife Lisa reside in Birmingham, Alabama.

## **EDUCATION:**

1989 Associate Degree in Contracts Management, Community College of the AF, Maxwell AFB 1993 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama 1995 USAF Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Resident Program 2000 USAF Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB 2006 USAF Air War College, Senior Developmental Education, Maxwell AFB

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

- 1. April 2012-Present, Vice Commander, 117<sup>th</sup> ARW
- 2. January 2011-April 2012, Commander, 117<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group
- 3. November 2006-December 2010, Commander, 117th Maintenance Squadron
- 4. April 2004-November 2006, Commander, 117th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 5. September 2000-April 2004, Aircraft Maintenance Officer
- 6. January-September 2000, Chief Of Supply, 117th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- 7. 1993-2000, Management and Systems Officer, Supply
- 8. 1989-1993, Operations Support Officer, Supply
- 9. 1984-1989, Contracting Officer
- 10. 1982-1984, Transportation Freight Rate Assistant
- 11. 1980-1982, Inventory Management Specialist

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

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster Alabama Distinguished Service Medal Alabama Commendation Medal

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

117th ARW Base Honor Guard Team Member (Bugler, 1981-Present)
2004 USAF Academy Admissions Liaison Officer of the Year, Region 2
1994 Air National Guard's Outstanding Junior Supply Manager
1993 Company Grade Officer of the Year, National Guard Association of Alabama
1990 Honor Graduate, USAF Supply Operations Course, Lowry AFB, CO.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Past President (2010), National Guard Association of Alabama Member, Logistics Officers Association Member, Air Force Association, Chapter 100 Member, American Legion, Post 171 Associate Member, Enlisted National Guard Association of Alabama Member, United States Golf Association

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Airman Basic, Mar 26, 1980 Airman, Sep 26, 1980 Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Mar 26,1981 Senior Airman, Sep 26,1981 Sergeant, October 2, 1982 Staff Sergeant, Feb 11, 1983 Second Lieutenant, Aug 3, 1989 First Lieutenant, Aug 3, 1991 Captain, Aug 3, 1993 Major, Aug 5, 1997 Lieutenant Colonel, Jul 23, 2004 Colonel, Jan 11, 2011

(Current as of July 2012)