



BIOGRAPHY

TEXAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

COLONEL JOHN F. KANE



Colonel John Kane is the Wing Commander of the 149th Fighter Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Colonel Kane entered the Air Force in 1985 after completing Air Force ROTC at the University of Utah. He attended pilot training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, and remained there as a T-38 instructor pilot. In 1990, he attended Lead-In Fighter Training at Holloman AFB before going to Cannon AFB for F-111 training. Colonel Kane was a Distinguished Graduate as well as Top Gun and Academic Award winner from both LIFT and F-111 RTU. He was stationed at RAF Upper Heyford, United Kingdom until 1993 when he was selected to fly the F-16. He went on to PACAF, assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea, where he was an alert force commander and Chief of Programming. In 1994, he was reassigned to Luke AFB, Arizona as an F-16 instructor pilot. While at Luke, Colonel Kane was a member of the 1994 Top Gun Team and was selected for the 56th Fighter Wing Gunsmoke Team in 1995. In 1997, Colonel Kane went back to USAFE, assigned to 3 AF, RAF Mildenhall,

United Kingdom as Weapons Officer and Fighter Operations Branch Chief. While there, he was the US representative on the UK Military Laser Safety Committee (Air) and was instrumental in significant combat capabilities upgrades to the A-10 and F-15E. During the Kosovo conflict, Colonel Kane was sent to Tirana, Albania to stand up and run the Joint Task Force Shining Hope Joint Operations Center and was the US representative on the UNHCR Geneva Air Coordination Center and Regional Aircraft Movement Control Center. In 1999, he became deputy Branch Chief, Contingency Plans Branch where he was responsible for developing and exercising contingency plans for Sub-Saharan Africa. Colonel Kane joined the Texas Air National Guard in May 2000, where he was assigned as Training Officer in the 182nd Fighter Squadron. In this capacity, Colonel Kane developed and executed the USAF's first-ever Night Vision Goggle integration and targeting pod integration into the basic and transition syllabi, significantly increasing the combat capabilities of graduates and relieving a tremendous training burden on operational units. He moved on to become the 182nd Fighter Squadron Operations Officer and the 149th Operational Support Commander prior to being selected as Commander of the 182nd Fighter Squadron in 2005. Under his command, the 182nd Fighter Squadron became the premier F-16 training unit, internationally recognized as producing superior graduates, while maintaining a cadre of instructor pilots who augment F-16 squadrons in contingency operations worldwide. Colonel Kane is a command pilot with over 4400 hours in high performance aircraft, having flown for both the active duty Air Force and Air National Guard.

EDUCATION:

- 1985 Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, University of Utah
- 1988 Squadron Officer School
- 1997 Joint Doctrine Air Campaign Course
- 1997 Contingency Warfighter Course
- 2000 Air Command and Staff College
- 2008 Air War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1985-1986, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
2. 1986-1990, T-38 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Check Section, Chief of Upgrade, 49th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS
3. 1990, Lead-In Fighter Training, 435th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM
4. 1991-1993, F-111E Chief of Plans, Chief of Programming, 79th Fighter Squadron, RAF Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
5. 1993-1994, F-16 Alert Force Commander, Chief of Plans, 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
6. 1994-1997, Chief of Training, Flight Commander, 61st Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
7. 1997-1999, Chief, Fighter Branch, Weapons Officer, 3 AF, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
8. 1999-2000, Deputy Chief, Contingency Plans Branch, Director of Operations, Joint Task Force Shining Hope, 3 AF, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
9. 2000-2004, Chief of Training, 182nd Fighter Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
10. 2004-2005, Director of Operations, 182nd Fighter Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
11. 2005, Commander, 149th Operations Support Flight, Lackland AFB, TX
12. 2005-2009, Commander, 182nd Fighter Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
13. 2009-2011, Vice Commander, 149th Fighter Wing, Lackland AFB, TX
14. 2011-Present, Commander, 149th Fighter Wing, Lackland AFB, TX

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight Hours: 4400+
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, F-111G, F-111E, F-16

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with 4 OLC
Aerial Achievement Medal with 1 OLC
Joint Service Commendation Medal
AF Commendation Medal with 2 OLC
Humanitarian Service Medal
Texas Outstanding Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 7 October 1985
First Lieutenant 7 October 1987
Captain 7 October 1989
Major 1 August 1997
Lieutenant Colonel 24 August 2001
Colonel 2 September 2010

(Current as of Feb 2011)