



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RODGER N. ACKLIN

Lt. Col. Rodger "DIMA" Acklin is the Commander, 24th Training Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is directly responsible to the Commandant, Officer Training School, for the training and commissioning of 1,000 Air Force active duty, reserve, and Air National Guard officers annually through the 47-day Basic Officer Training program.

Colonel Acklin enlisted in the Air Force in 1993 and later received his commission from AFROTC Detachment 772, Charleston Southern University in May 2000. He attended Undergraduate Air Battle Manager training at Tyndall AFB with an initial flying assignment to the 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Since entering the Air Force, he's held numerous positions in various organizations including, NATO AWACS Flying Squadron Three and Training Wing, 965th, 963rd, 552nd Operations Group staff.

Colonel Acklin has experience in several different AWACS crew positions with 1,800 flight hours with operational flying experience in operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Joint Guardian, Southern Watch, Counter-Narcotics, as well as several operational NATO flying missions.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, N.C.

1999 AFROTC Field Training, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

2000 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2001 Undergraduate Air Battle Management training, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

2007 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 Master of Education and Curriculum, Phoenix University, Ariz.

2013 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1993 - March 1993, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. March 1993 - August 1994, 81st MSS, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. August 1994 - August 1995, 39 MUNSS, Balikesir, Turkey
4. August 1995 - August 1998, 637th AGS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
5. August 1998 - May 2000, Detachment 772, AFROTC, Charleston Southern University, Charleston, S.C.
6. May 2000 - January 2001, casual status, Moody AFB, Ga.
7. January 2001 - October 2001, Student, Undergraduate Air Battle Manager training, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. October 2001 - October 2003, 965th AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.
9. October 2003 - October 2006, Flying Squadron 3, Geilenkirchen Air Base (AB), Germany
10. October 2006 - April 2010, 963 AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.
11. April 2010 - July 2012, NATO Airborne and Early Warning Force, SHAPE, Belgium
12. July 2012 - June 2013, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. June 2013 - June 2015, Academic Instructor and Director of Operations, ACSC, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. June 2015 - May 2016, Director of Operations, OTS, Air University Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. June 2016 - Present, Commander, 24th TRS, OTS, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2010 - June 2011, Chief, Aircrew Training Division, NAEW and Control Force, SHAPE, Belgium, as a major
2. June 2011 - July 2012, Aide de Camp to the Force Commander, NAEW&F, SHAPE, Belgium, as a major

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Air Battle Manager

Flight hours: more than 1,800 hours

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2000

First Lieutenant May 31, 2002

Captain May 31, 2004

Major April 1, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel Feb. 1, 2015

(Current as of June 2016)