



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ROBERT H. EPSTEIN

Colonel Robert H. Epstein is commander of the Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation (AFAMS), the lead USAF Field Operating Agency in charge of enabling Enterprise Solutions for Readiness across warfighting domains through the application of Technology Innovation Management (TIM). As commander, Colonel Epstein oversees Air Force Modeling and Simulation initiatives that drive innovation and interoperability, allowing warfighters to maximize performance, decision-making, and help build a more lethal force to win any fight, any time.

Colonel Epstein received his commission through Air Force ROTC in 1995. He is a Joint Staff Officer and a Senior Navigator/ Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) who has flown operationally in support of Operations in the Balkans, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Colonel Epstein was the Chief of Joint Fires for the NATO mission in Afghanistan in 2009, Chief EWO for NATO combat missions in Libya in 2011, and an Air Advisor to the Afghan Air Force in 2015.

Colonel Epstein has commanded at the Squadron and Agency levels and previously served as the Director of the Commander's Action Group, and Section Commander for the Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) in direct support of the 58th Presidential Inauguration.



EDUCATION

- 1995 – Bachelor of Arts degree in History, University of Cincinnati
- 2001 – Squadron Officer School (In Residence)
- 2003 – Master of Science degree in Administration, Central Michigan University
- 2005 – Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2008 – Masters of Operational Arts and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 – Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, VA
- 2012 – Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2015 – Masters of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1995 – May 1996, Weather Program Manager, Tinker AFB, OK
2. May 1996 – September 1997, Chief, Operations Management Branch, Scott AFB, IL
3. September 1997 – September 1998, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Pensacola NAS, FL
4. October 1998 – February 1999, Electronic Warfare Officer Training, Corry Station, FL
5. April 1999 – March 2001, Crew Commander, EWO, RC-135V/W, Offutt AFB, NE

(Current as of August 2019)

6. April 2001 – December 2001, Wing Scheduler, Instructor EWO, RC-135V/W, Offutt AFB, NE
7. January 2002 – December 2002, Chief, Conventional Plans, Offutt AFB, NE
8. January 2003 – July 2004, 55th Wing Executive Officer, Offutt AFB, NE
9. July 2004 – April 2005, Instructor Electronic Warfare Officer, Randolph AFB, TX
10. April 2005 – September 2005, 563 FTS Deputy Chief of Stan/Eval, Randolph AFB, TX
11. October 2005 – April 2006, Flight Commander, 563 FTS, Randolph AFB, TX
12. May 2006 – July 2007, Assistant Director of Operations, 563 FTS, Randolph AFB, TX
13. July 2007 – June 2008, Distinguish Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell, AFB, AL
14. July 2008 – July 2011, ASFAO SO2, NATO Rapid Deployable Corps, Milan, Italy
15. July 2011 – April 2012, Director of Operations, 36th Electronic Warfare Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
16. April 2012 – July 2014, Commander, 36th Electronic Warfare Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
17. July 2014 – June 2015, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
18. July 2015 – July 2016, Chief of Staff, 438 AEW, FOB Oqab, Kabul, Afghanistan
19. July 2016 – March 2017, Director, AFDW CAG / Section Commander, JB Andrews, MD
20. March 2017 – Present, Commander, Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation, Orlando, FL

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2008 – July 2011, ASFAO SO2, NATO Rapid Deployable Corps – Milan, Italy as a Major
2. July 2015 – July 2016, Chief of Staff, 438 AEW, FOB Oqab, Kabul, Afghanistan as a Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Aeronautical Rating: Senior Navigator / Flight hours: 1173

Aircraft flown: T-34C, T-1, RC-135V/W, T-38, and T-43

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant -- Jun 10, 1995

First Lieutenant -- Jun 26, 1997

Captain -- Jun 26, 1999

Major -- Dec 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel -- Mar 1, 2010

Colonel – Apr 1, 2016