



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW P. ANDERSON

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew P. Anderson is the Commander of the 4th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. He is responsible for the combat readiness of 144 C-17 Globemaster III crewmembers that stand ready to airlift combat troops and supplies anywhere in the world. Activated in 1935, the 4th Airlift Squadron is the oldest active airlift squadron in the Air Force and as the only Prime Nuclear Airlift Force (PNAF) in the Department of Defense, its crewmembers are routinely tasked to airlift nuclear weapons and nuclear-related cargo.

Lieutenant Colonel Anderson graduated with Athletic Distinction from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1997. His command experience includes commanding both Cadet Squadron Four at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado and the deployed C-17 detachment of the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (EAS).



His flying assignments include flying the C-17 at Charleston AFB, SC and McChord Air Force Base, Wash. As a C-17 aviator, he has served as a PNAF evaluator aircraft commander, a demonstration pilot as well as an Operation DEEP FREEZE instructor pilot. He has also flown as an instructor pilot in both the T-37 and T-6 aircraft at Laughlin Air Force Base, TX. Lt Col Anderson's other leadership opportunities include the Chief of the Prime Nuclear Airlift Force, Director Of Operations of the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, 62nd Airlift Wing's Chief Wing Executive Officer, Undergraduate Pilot Training Flight Commander and Team Captain of the 2000 & 2002 Gold Medal- winning All-Air Force Men's Soccer Team. He completed Intermediate Developmental Education in 2010 where he earned a graduate degree in Leadership and Counseling from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. Most recently, he completed a joint staff assignment as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) at Peterson AFB, CO in 2013.

Lieutenant Colonel Anderson is a senior pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours in the C-17, T-6, T-37 and T-1 and T-3.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Biology, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2003 Flight Safety Officer School, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
2009 Master of Science, Aeronautical Science & Aviation Safety, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
2010 Master of Arts, Leadership & Counseling, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, Colorado
2013 Advanced Nuclear Concepts Course, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997 - Aug 1998, Head Coach, Men's Junior Varsity Soccer Team, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
2. Aug 1998 - Aug 1999, Student Pilot, Vance Air Force Base, OK
3. Jan 2000 - Jun 2002, C-17 Pilot, 15th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
4. Jun 2002 - Jul 2005, T-37 & T-6 Instructor Pilot, 85th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, TX
5. Jul 2005 - Mar 2009, C-17 Evaluator Aircraft Commander, McChord AFB, WA
6. Jun 2009 - May 2010, IDE Student, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, CO
7. May 2010 - Mar 2011, Commander, Cadet Squadron Four, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
8. Apr 2011 - Mar 2013, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, NORAD & USNORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, CO

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

April 2011 – March 2013, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, CO

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,900

Aircraft flown: C-17, T-6, T-37, T-1, T-3

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

National Defense Service medal

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War On Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Air Force Longevity Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)

Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1997

First Lieutenant May 28, 1999

Captain May 28, 2001

Major November 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2012

(Current as of June 2013)