



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL WILLIAM P. JENSEN

Col. William P. Jensen is vice commander, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. He is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping six groups and 30 squadrons executing worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; electronic attack; command and control; presidential support; and treaty verification missions. He is also responsible for base support to more than 90 associate units, including U.S. Strategic Command, Air Force Weather Agency, and more than 57,000 active-duty members, civilians, family members and retirees.

Colonel Jensen received his commission in 1990 as a distinguished graduate through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla. He has served in a variety of flying, staff and command assignments. Colonel Jensen flew operational reconnaissance missions in the RC-135 supporting Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, PROVIDE PROMISE, DENY FLIGHT, SUPPORT DEMOCRACY, JOINT ENDEAVOR, ENDURING FREEDOM, AND IRAQI FREEDOM. His operational staff assignments include serving in U.S. Strategic Command's Space and Global Strike Combined Air Operations Center and the U.S. Central Command's CAOC. He commanded Cadet Squadron 11 at the U.S. Air Force Academy, the 343rd Reconnaissance Squadron and the 763d Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron.



Colonel Jensen is a Master Navigator with more than 3,500 flying hours in the RC/TC-135S/U/V/W, KC-135A/R, and T-43.

EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Sciences, with distinction, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.
- 1996 Squadron Officer School, "Outstanding Contributor," Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2000 Master of Arts in Religion, summa cum laude, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, correspondence, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2005 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2010 Master of Strategic Studies, with academic distinction, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1990 – March 1991, student, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, 450th and 451st Flying Training Squadrons, Mather AFB, Calif.

2. October 1991 – February 1992, student, Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. March 1992 – June 1997, RC-135 instructor, evaluator/navigator and squadron executive officer, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. July 1997 – February 1998, evaluator/supervisor of flying program manager, 55th Operations Group Offutt AFB, Neb.
5. March 1998 – June 2001, instructor navigator, flight commander and assistant operations officer, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
6. July 2001 – May 2002, commander, Cadet Squadron 11, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
7. June 2002 – May 2003, executive officer to the commandant of cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
8. June 2003 – May 2004, student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
9. June 2004 – May 2005, student, U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
10. July 2005 – December 2006, chief, Strategy Plans, then chief, Strategy Division, 608th Combat Plans Squadron, Headquarters 8th Air Force, U. S. Strategic Command Space and Global Strike CAOC, Barksdale AFB, La.
11. April 2007 – February 2009, commander, 343rd Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
12. February 2009 – July 2009, deputy commander, 55th Operations Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.
13. July 2009 – May 2010, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. July 2010 – Present, vice commander, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight Hours: More than 3,500

Aircraft flown: RC/TC-135S/U/V/W, KC-135A/R, and T-43

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze star

Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal with bronze star

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border

NATO Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 21, 1990

First Lieutenant May 21, 1992

Captain May 21, 1994

Major May 1, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2005

Colonel Sept. 1, 2009

(Current as of July 2010)