



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL EDWARD H. EVANS, JR.

Colonel Edward H. Evans is the Commander, 186th Air Refueling Wing, Key Field Air National Guard Base, Meridian, Mississippi. The 186th Air Refueling Wing provides over 1,100 personnel and eight KC-135R aircraft to Air Mobility Command for worldwide operations. The Wing also supports domestic counter-drug and emergency response missions as well as overseas combatant commander requirements with an RC-26B aircraft. Additional units include the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron which serves as a combat force multiplier to U.S. Army counterparts, the 248th Air Traffic Control Squadron which is capable of providing air traffic control services for commercial, military and general aviation aircraft operating out of any airfield worldwide, and the 286th Air Operations Group which supports the Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Region, First Air Force and Air Forces Northern, CONR-1AF (AFNORTH). The Group provides Air Force staff augmentation, supports the Homeland Defense Mission and delivers Defense Support to Civil Authorities during domestic events.



Col. Evans received his commission in 1992 as a graduate of the ROTC program at Mississippi State University. His assignments in the U.S. Air Force include the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana and the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Evans joined the Mississippi Air National Guard in March, 1997 as a pilot candidate. After competing Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Col Evans returned to the 172d Airlift Wing to fly the C-141B. He later flew the C-17A. His duties at the 172d were C-141C First Pilot, Squadron Executive Officer, C-17A Instructor Aircraft Commander, and a two year detail as The Base Civil Engineer. Col Evans transferred to the 286th Air Operations Group and served as Director, Joint Air Component Coordination Element. His previous commands include the 172d Airlift Control Flight, 172d Operations Support Squadron, and the 286th Air Operations Group. Col. Evans is a command pilot with more than 4,300 hours in the C-141B/C and C-17A. He is a combat veteran of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN. In his civilian capacity, the colonel is a commercial airline pilot with a major airline.

EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor's degree, Industrial Engineering, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss.
- 1994 Master's degree, Information Technology, Louisiana State University at Shreveport, Shreveport, La.
- 2000 Professional Engineer, Mississippi State Board of Registration, Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2007 Reserve Component National Security Course
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2013 Air National Guard Commander Development Course

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1993 – March 1996, Utilities Engineer, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
2. March 1996 – March 1997, Chief, A-E Design, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
3. March 1997 – March 1998, Deputy Base Civil Engineer, 172d Civil Engineer Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
4. March 1998 – March 1999, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
5. March 1999 – January 2004, C-141B/C Pilot, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
6. January 2004 – April 2014, C-17A Instructor Aircraft Commander, 183d Airlift Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
7. August 2006 – August 2009, Commander, 172d Airlift Control Flight, Thompson Field, Miss.

8. August 2009 – April 2011, Base Civil Engineer, 172d Civil Engineer Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
9. March 2012 – April 2014, Commander, 172d Operations Support Squadron, Thompson Field, Miss.
10. April 2014 – December 2015, JACCE Director, 186th Air Operations Group, Key Field ANGB, Miss.
11. December 2015 – April 2017, Commander, 186th Air Operations Group, Key Field ANGB, Miss.
12. April 2017 – Present, Commander, 186th Air Refueling Wing, Key Field ANGB, Miss.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: C ommand Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,300 including over 725 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-1A, C-141B/C and C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one device

Air Medal with one device

Aerial Achievement Medal with one device

Air Force Commendation Medal with one device

Air Force Achievement Medal with two devices

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Air Force ROTC Commandant's Award Winner, McConnell AFB, Ks.

Awarded Parachutist Badge (Jump Wings), Fort Benning, Ga.

Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award Winner, Barksdale AFB, La.

Engineering Manager of the Year, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

Outstanding Officer, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-06, Laughlin AFB, Texas

"OUTSTANDING" Rating, Air Mobility Command IG Operational Readiness Inspection

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, February 1993

First Lieutenant, February 1995

Captain, June 1997

Major, November 2002

Lieutenant, Colonel December 2006

Colonel, January 2015

(Current as of April 2017)