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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOSEPH D. "JOE" WALL

Colonel Joseph D. Wall is the Commander, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, one of the Air Force's three core tanker wings supporting more than 3,500 active-duty Airmen and global contingency operations. With KC-46 and KC-135 aircraft, the wing provides aerial refueling for U.S. and allied aircraft and hosts the Kansas Air National Guard's 184th Wing and Air Force Reserve's 931st Air Refueling Wing.

Colonel Wall was commissioned in 2001 as an ROTC distinguished graduate at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida and was an Olmsted Scholar in Germany. He is a graduated Air Mobility Command Phoenix Mobility program intern trained in Contingency Response operations. He has deployed numerous times as an aircrew crewmember and contingency responder, in support of operations in Southwest Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, and Africa. Colonel Wall carries a second Air Force Specialty Code as Foreign Affairs Officer. Prior to arriving at RAF Mildenhall, Colonel Wall was the Current Operations Element Branch Chief and Chief of Operations in the National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, the Joint Staff, Directorate of Operations (J3), at the Pentagon, where he was responsible for real time monitoring and contingency operations and keeping the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff abreast of all national security activities involving the Department of Defense.



Colonel Wall is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in the T-37B, T-1A, KC-10A, KC-135R/T, and KC-46 aircraft and over 100 combat and combat support missions supporting multiple operations over Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and the Horn of Africa. He is married to Trysta Malm of Wayne, IL, and they have three children Tavin, Tenley, and Trace.

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelors of Science, Computer Science and Political Science, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL

2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2007 Master of Aeronautical Science with distinction in Aerospace Studies, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL

2010 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2013 NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course, Oberammergau, Germany

2014 Master of Arts in Political Science, Albert-Ludwigs-University, Freiburg, Germany

2014 Intermediate Developmental Education, Olmsted Scholarship Program, Freiburg, Germany

2021 Master of Science, National Security and Resource Strategy, The Eisenhower School, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC

2025 Senior Leader Nuclear Management, School of Nuclear Studies, Kirtland AFB, NM

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2001 – October 2002, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
2. November 2002 – October 2007, 60th Operations Group Executive Officer, KC-10A Instructor Aircraft Commander, and Flight Commander, 9th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis AFB, CA





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3. October 2007 – June 2008, KC-10A Formal Training Unit Instructor Pilot, 60th Operational Support Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
4. June 2008 – August 2011, Phoenix Mobility Intern, Flight Commander, Instructor Contingency Tanker Planner, and Assistant Director of Operations, 21st Air Mobility Operations Squadron and 818th Global Mobility Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
5. September 2011 – August 2014, Olmsted Scholar, Albert Ludwigs-University, Freiburg, Germany
6. September 2014 – May 2015, KC-10A Instructor Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, 9th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
7. June 2015 – May 2016, Director of Operations, 6th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
8. June 2016 – December 2016, Director of Operations, 821st Contingency Response Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
9. January 2017 – May 2018, Commander, 79th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
10. June 2018 – July 2020, Deputy Chief, Air Force Senate Legislative Liaison Office, Washington, DC
11. August 2020 – June 2021, Student, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, DC
12. July 2021 – June 2023, Current Operations Element Branch Chief and Chief of Operations, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, the Joint Staff, Directorate for Operations (J-3), Pentagon, Arlington, VA
13. June 2023 – July 2025, Deputy Commander, 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall, UK
14. July 2025 – Present, Commander, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, KS

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2021 – June 2023: Current Operations Element Branch Chief and Chief of Operations, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, the Joint Staff, Directorate for Operations (J-3), Pentagon, Arlington, VA

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,000, including over 800 combat and combat support hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37B, T-1A, KC-10A, KC-135R/T, and KC-46

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with Service Star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with Gold Border and two oak leaf clusters

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant January 14, 2001

First Lieutenant January 14, 2003

Captain January 14, 2005

Major November 1, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2016

Colonel June 1, 2022

(Current as of July 2025)

