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COLONEL WILLIAM J. "BILL" ACKMAN

Col William Ackman is the Chief of the People's Republic of China Campaign Management Division at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. In this capacity, he leads a joint team that synchronizes, integrates, and advises the Agency's Operations, Activities, and Investments addressing Chinese WMD capabilities.

Col Ackman entered the Air Force through ROTC at Texas State University in 2003. Upon graduation from Navigator training, he was assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Florida as an Electronic Warfare Officer on the AC-130H Spectre Gunship. Leveraging his combat experience, he was selected to stand up the Combat Systems Officer pipeline for the newly developed U-28A Draco, becoming the first Air Force Officer to serve in that capacity. Col Ackman then served in the 1st Joint Special Operations Air Component supporting Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Liberty, North Carolina before being selected for Instructor duty at Squadron Officer College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He returned to Hurlburt Field to serve as the Operations Officer and Commander of the 319th Special Operations Squadron. Prior to his current position, Col Ackman was the Chief of the Phalanx Counter-Unmanned Aerial System Branch at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

2012 Master of Arts in International Studies, University of Oklahoma, OK

2017 Master of Military Operational Arts and Sciences, Air University, AL

2022 Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, RI

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2003 - August 2004, Special Assistant to the Flight Commander, 9th ASOS, Fort Cavazos, TX
2. August 2004 - July 2005, Navigator Student, 563rd Flying Training Squadron, JBSA Randolph, TX
3. July 2005 - March 2006, AC-130H Electronic Warfare Officer Student, 19th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
4. March 2006 - July 2008, AC-130H Electronic Warfare Officer, 16th SOS, Hurlburt Field, FL
5. July 2008 - October 2008, Combat Systems Officer / U-28A Navigator, 319th SOS, Hurlburt Field, FL
6. October 2008 - November 2009, U-28A Evaluator CSO, 319th SOS, Hurlburt Field, FL
7. November 2009 - September 2010, Group Stan/Eval, U-28A Evaluator CSO, 1st SOG, Hurlburt Field, FL
8. September 2010 - August 2012, Flight Commander/U-28A Evaluator CSO, 319th SOS, Hurlburt Field, FL
9. August 2012 - June 2013, JAOC Operations, 1st Joint Special Operations Air Component, Fort Liberty, NC
10. June 2013 - Dec 2013, Executive Officer, 1st Joint Special Operations Air Component, Fort Liberty, NC
11. December 2013 - October 2014, SOS Instructor/Flight Commander, 31st Student Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. October 2014 - May 2016, Director of Operations, 31st Student Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL





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13. May 2016 - June 2017, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
14. June 2017 - July 2019, Operations Officer, 319th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
15. July 2019 - May 2021, Commander, 319th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
16. May 2021 - June 2022, Student, College of Naval Warfare, Newport Naval Base, RI
17. June 2022 - May 2024, Phalanx Branch Chief, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA
18. June 2024 - Present, People's Republic of China Campaign Management Division Chief, Fort Belvoir, VA.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2022 - May 2024, Phalanx Branch Chief, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Ft Belvoir, VA
2. June 2024 - Present, People's Republic of China Campaign Management Division Chief, Ft Belvoir, VA.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: 3,500+ (1,850 combat hours)

Aircraft flown: AC-130H and U-28A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Combat Action Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 3, 2003

First Lieutenant July 3, 2005

Captain July 3, 2007

Major November 1, 2013

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2018

Colonel June 1, 2024

(Current as of Jan 2025)

