



TRAVIS S. CAUGHLIN

Travis S. Caughlin is Director of the 97th Maintenance Group, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. As Director, he leads all maintenance, sortie generation and maintenance support activities for assigned C-17, KC-135 and KC-46 aircraft dedicated to the 97th Air Mobility Wing's aircrew training mission. He is also responsible for overseeing the base's Transient Alert, Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory and Weapons Storage Area.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Caughlin was Deputy Director, 97th Maintenance Group. Before transitioning to Altus Air Force Base, he served as Commander, 507th Maintenance Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, as an Air Reserve Technician. There he was responsible for all KC-135 maintenance and sortie generation in support of United States Strategic Command's nuclear deterrence mission, and conventional world-wide air refueling, aeromedical evacuation and cargo taskings.

Mr. Caughlin began his career in 1987 as an Air Force enlisted maintainer and was commissioned in 1995. He served in the Air Force Reserve for 32 years, 17 as a full-time Air Reserve Technician, retiring as a colonel in 2019. His assignments included airlift, tanker, bomber, and fighter units in Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nevada and Oklahoma, and a Numbered Air Force Logistics Division staff in California.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 1999 Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Jet Engine Mishap Investigation Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2003 Air Combat Command Combat Wing Maintenance Officer Course, Langley AFB, Va.
- 2004 Squadron Commander Course, Robins AFB, Ga.
- 2005 USAF Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School (AMMOS), Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2005 Air Force Combat Ammunition Center, Beale AFB, Calif.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2014 Group Commander Course, Robins AFB, Ga.
- 2016 United States Strategic Command Nuclear Commander's Course, Offutt AFB, Neb.

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. November 1987 – November 1991, Aerospace Repair Technician, 433d Field Maintenance Squadron, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas (February 1991 - May 1991, Operation DESERT STORM mobilization)
2. November 1991 – February 1995, C-5 Crew Chief, 433d Aircraft Generation Squadron, Kelly AFB, Texas (December 1992 – April 1993, Flying Crew Chief, Operation RESTORE HOPE, Somalia) (August 1993 - October 1993, Flying Crew Chief, Operation SUPPORT HOPE, Rwanda)
3. February 1995 – February 1998, Executive Officer, 433d Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Kelly AFB, Texas.





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

4. February 1998 – December 1998, Aircraft Maintenance Unit Officer-in-Charge, 433d Aircraft Generation Squadron, Kelly AFB, Texas
5. December 1998 – July 2000, Maintenance/Propulsion/Avionics Flights Officer-in-Charge, 433d Maintenance Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
6. July 2000 – January 2002, Fabrication/Accessories/Aerospace Ground Equipment Flights Officer-in-Charge, 433d Maintenance Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
7. January 2002 – June 2003, Squadron Maintenance Officer, 93d Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La. (May 2002 - September 2002, Squadron Maintenance Officer, 40th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory)
8. June 2003 – May 2005, Commander, 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
9. May 2005 – December 2006, Branch Chief, Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.
10. December 2006 – August 2008, Deputy Commander, 442d Maintenance Group, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
11. August 2008 – August 2011, Director of Maintenance, 926th Group, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. August 2011 – September 2013, Deputy Commander for Maintenance, 917th Fighter Group, Barksdale AFB, La.
13. September 2013 – November 2018, Commander, 507th Maintenance Group, Tinker AFB, Okla. (January 2015 - July 2015, Senior Air Reserve Component Advisor, Air Force Central Command Forward, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar)
14. November 2018 – September 2025, Deputy Director, 97th Maintenance Group, Altus AFB, Okla.
15. September 2025 – Current, Director, 97th Maintenance Group, Altus AFB, Okla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with service star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with service star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

(Current as of March 2026)

