



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MATTHEW E. JONES

Col. Matthew E. Jones is the Commander, 89th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He is responsible for worldwide special air mission airlift, logistics, aerial port and communications support for the President, Vice President, cabinet members, combatant commanders, and other senior military and elected leaders as tasked by the White House, Air Force chief of staff and Air Mobility Command. The wing provides 24/7 alert airlift and operates an Executive Airlift Training Center and Government Security Operations Center.

Colonel Jones received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1999, where he served as the Cadet Wing Commander and then completed Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, Miss. His operational assignments include serving as a C-5 Instructor Pilot, Contingency Response Operations Officer and C-5M Squadron Commander. In 2010, he deployed to Haiti and led U.S. Transportation Command's first Joint Task Force Aerial Port Opening.



Colonel Jones was the Air Force's first Intermediate Developmental Education Chief of Staff of the Air Force Scholar at Harvard. He also served on the staff within the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Persons, and as the Chief of Global Mobility Division, Headquarters Air Force, Arlington, Va. In this capacity, he served as the Career Field Manager for 5,500 mobility pilots and navigators. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Commander, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.

EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science degree in Management, Distinguished Graduate, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2000 Master's Degree in Business Administration, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh

2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2010 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2011 Master's Degree in Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.

2017 Master's Degree in Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1999 – August 2000, Student, Katz Graduate School of Business, Pittsburgh

2. August 2000 – April 2002, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.

3. April 2002 – June 2007, Chief Group Exec Officer, C-5 Instructor Pilot, 22nd Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.

4. June 2007 – June 2010, AMC Phoenix Mobility Intern, 621st Contingency Response Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ.
5. June 2010 – June 2011, Chief of Staff Scholar, Student, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.
6. June 2011 – June 2013, OSD Policy, Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Persons Office, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
7. June 2013 – May 2014, Chief of Safety, C-5 Instructor Pilot, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.
8. May 2014 – July 2016, Commander, 22nd Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
9. July 2016 – June 2017, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.
10. June 2017 – July 2018, Chief, Global Mobility Division and MAF Rated Career Field Manager, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. July 2018 – January 2020, Vice Commander, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.
12. January 2020 – May 2021, Commander, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.
13. May 2021 – Present, Commander, 89th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2011 – June 2013, OSD Policy, Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Persons Office, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 2,100

Aircraft Flown: T-37B, T-1A, C-5A/B/C/M

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 60th Air Mobility Wing C-5 Instructor Pilot of the Year

2006 Air Mobility Command Company Grade Officer of the Year

2011 Defense Agency (DPMO) Officer of the Year

2015 DoD Collier Trophy Nomination

2016 Joseph M. Smith Trophy Winner

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1999

First Lieutenant June 2, 2001

Captain June 2, 2003

Major Nov. 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2012

Colonel May 1, 2018

(Current as of May 2021)