



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL RYAN J. AERNI

Lieutenant Colonel Ryan J. Aerni is the Commander, 24th Training Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is directly responsible to the Commandant, Officer Training School for the training and commissioning of 700 Air Force active duty and reserve officers annually through the 47-day Basic Officer Training program.

Lt Col Aerni graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management. After graduation, he attended pilot training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi and was assigned to fly the KC-10 at McGuire AFB, New Jersey. While there, he flew combat and combat support mission during Operation ALLIED FORCE and Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. Lt Col Aerni's next assignment was to instruct students in the advanced phase of pilot training in the T-1 aircraft at Vance AFB, Oklahoma. He was then selected for PHOENIX REACH crossflow to fly the C-5 at Travis AFB, California. While stationed at Travis, Lt Col Aerni flew combat missions in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.



During his assignment at the Air Force Personnel Center, Lt Col Aerni deployed to Kandahar Air Base Afghanistan to fly the newly designated E-11(BACN), bridging incompatible communication systems.

Colonel Aerni is a command pilot with more than 5,100 flying hours in the T-37, T-1, KC-10, C-5, and E-1, including over 1,000 combat hours.

### EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science Degree in Management, USAFA, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
- 2008 Master of Business Administration, TUI University, Correspondence
- 2010 Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2011 Air War College, Correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1993 – June 1997, Cadet, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2. June 1997 – September 1998, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
3. September 1998 – September 2001, KC-10 Aircraft Commander and Executive Officer, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
4. September 2001 – October 2004, T-1 Flight Examiner and Check Flight Commander, 32nd Flying Training Squadron, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.

5. October 2004 – June 2009, Chief, Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation/C-5 Examiner Aircraft Commander, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
6. June 2009 – June 2010, Student, Army Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
7. June 2010 – June 2012, Deputy Division Chief, Plans Division, Directorate of Air and Space Expeditionary Force and Personnel Operations, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
8. June 2012 – June 2014, Operations Officer, 15th Air Mobility Operations Squadron and Chief, Wing Plans and Programs, 621st Contingency Response Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
9. June 2014 – Present, Commander, 24th Training Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 5,100

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-1, KC-10, C-5, E-11

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      May 27, 1997

First Lieutenant        May 27, 1999

Captain                    May 27, 2001

Major                      January 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel      April 1, 2012

(Current as of Sept 2014)