



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MARK A. WOOTAN

Colonel Mark "Woot" Wootan is Commander, Civil Air Patrol-U.S. Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. In this position, he provides Air Force advice, assistance, liaison and oversight to the Civil Air Patrol, a non-profit, federally supported, public benefit corporation congressionally chartered as the official auxiliary of the Air Force. CAP has approximately 60,000 members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and several overseas Air Force installations. CAP-USAF operates from 50 locations nationwide, providing oversight of CAP's 1,500 units and fleet of 550 light aircraft. Before this assignment Col Wootan was the U.S. Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché to the Czech Republic.

Col Wootan received his commission upon graduating from the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Arkansas in 1991. He completed pilot training in 1996 graduating as his class' Top Lobo. He has flown a variety of aircraft and served as an Air Force exchange officer to the U.S. Navy as a Naval Flight Instructor. He flew combat missions in Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, NOBLE ANVIL, Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, and NORTHERN WATCH, and led the Defense Intelligence Agency's sole combat aircraft program in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Col Wootan is an Air Force Foreign Affairs Officer with tours in Pakistan and Czech Republic. His non-USAF and Foreign awards received include the Czech Republic Army's Merit of Order (Legion of Merit), Nebraska Air National Guard's Legion of Merit, Czech Republic Military Police's Commendation Medal, and Pakistan Air Force Command Pilot wings.



Col Wootan and his wife Diane have two grown children: Katie (Jamie) and Jackson, and one grandchild (Eli).

EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, University of Arkansas
- 1994 Master of Science in Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle
- 1998 Squadron Officers School (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2000 USMC Amphibious Warfare School
- 2006 U.S. Army Command and General Staff College
- 2007 U.S. Air Force's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS)
- 2007 Master of Science in Air Power, SAASS, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.
- 2011 National War College
- 2011 Master of Science in Strategy, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington DC

ASSIGNMENTS

- Feb 1992 – March 1995, Missile Analyst, 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
- April 1995 – April 1996, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX
- April 1996 – August 1996, Student KC-135 Training, Altus AFB, OK
- Sept 1996 – Sep 1999, KC-135 Aircraft Commander, Squadron Executive Officer, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.
- Sep 1999 – Aug 2002 T-34 Instructor and Evaluator Aviator, VT-3, NAS Whiting, FL
- Aug 2002 – July 2005, C-130E/H3 Instructor Pilot, Group Executive Officer, 463d Airlift Group, Little Rock AFB, AR

- July 2005 – June 2006, Student, U.S Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
- July 2006 – June 2007, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
- July 2007 – June 2008, Director of Operations, 732nd Air Mobility Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK
- June 2008 – June 2010, Commander, 732nd Air Mobility Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK
- July 2010 – Jun 2011, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington DC
- July 2011 – Dec 2011, Student, Defense Language Institute (DLI)-Washington, Urdu Language
- Jan 2012 – June 2012, Joint Military Attaché School Student (C-12 student pilot May – June 2012)
- Sep 2012 – May 2014, Defense and Air Attaché, C-12 Instructor Pilot, U.S Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan
- Jul 2014 – May 2015, Student, DLI-Washington, Czech Language
- Jul 2015 – Jul 2018, Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Prague, Czech Republic
- Jul 2018 – April 2019, Vice Commander, Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
- April 2019 – Present, Commander, Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 2012 – May 2014, Colonel, Defense and Air Attaché, U.S Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan
2. July 2015 – July 2018, Colonel, Senior Defense Official, Defense Attaché, U.S Embassy, Prague, Czech Republic

FLIGHT INFORMATION

- Rating: Command pilot
- Flying hours: More than 3,400, including 500 combat and combat support hours
- Aircraft flown: C-130, KC-135, C-12, and T-34

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Medal
- Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- U.S Navy/USMC Commendation Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- U.S Navy/USMC Achievement Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- KC-135 Combat Crew Training School Distinguished Graduate
- Training Wing Five and City of Milton, FL Navy Flight Instructor of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Second Lieutenant 27 Sep 1991
- First Lieutenant 27 Sep 1993
- Captain 27 Sep 1995
- Major 01 July 2002
- Lieutenant Colonel 01 Dec 2006
- Colonel 01 April 2012

(Current as of April 2018)