



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JONATHAN W. GRAHAM

Col Jonathan W. Graham serves as Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, NM, where he leads 2,300 Airmen teaching 90 courses to over 16,000 students annually. As part of Air Education and Training Command's 19th Air Force, the wing execute formal aircrew training producing mission-qualified aircrews for operational units flying CV-22B, HH-60G/W, UH-1N, and H/MC-130J aircraft; conducts Undergraduate Helicopter Training utilizing the TH-1H at Ft Rucker, Alabama; and operates the USAF's Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape School at Fairchild AFB, Washington.

Col Graham was born in Midwest City, OK, and received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1999. He has served in a variety of special operations flying and staff assignments, and has flown more than 1700 hours in the MH-53, CV-22, MQ-1, and MQ-9 with combat experience supporting contingency operations in Africa, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and the Arabian Peninsula.

Col Graham is a graduate of the US Air Force Weapons School and the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and is the recipient of the 2008 Colonel James Jabara Award for Airmanship.

Col Graham is married to Dana Graham and they have two children, Keira and Danielle.



EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, History, United States Air Force Academy, CO

2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2007 Master of Arts in Military Studies, American Military University

2011 Masters of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

2012 Master of Philosophy in Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL

2014 Air War College (By Correspondence)

2018 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft McNair AIN, DC

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 1999 – Jul 2000: Squadron Scheduler/Planner, 14th Fighter Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
2. Aug 2000 – Apr 2001: T-37 Student Pilot, 33rd Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, OK
3. Jun 2001 – Dec 2001: UH-1H Student Pilot, 23rd Flying Training Squadron, Fort Rucker AIN, AL
4. Jan 2002 – Nov 2002: MH-53 Student Pilot, 551st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
5. Dec 2002 – Jun 2006: MH-53 Crew Commander and Instructor Pilot, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
6. Jul 2006 – Dec 2006: Student, US Air Force Weapons School
7. Feb 2007 – Feb 2008: CV-22 Student Pilot, 71st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
8. Mar 2008 – Jul 2009: Chief of Current Ops/Student Flight Commander/Chief of Stan/Eval, 71st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM

Current as of 30 June 2022

9. Aug 2009 – Jun 2010: Deputy Chief, Group Stan/Eval, 58th Operations Group, Kirtland AFB, NM
10. Jul 2010 – Jun 2011: Student, Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. Jul 2011 – Jun 2012: Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. Jun 2012 – Jun 2014: Compartmented Planner, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Fort Bragg AIN, NC
13. Jun 2014 – Jan 2016: Operations Officer, 3rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
14. Jan 2016 – Jun 2017: Commander, 3rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
15. Aug 2017 – Jun 2018: Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft McNair AIN, DC
16. Jun 2018 – Jun 2019: Planner, Joint Operational War Plans Division, Joint Staff J5, Pentagon
17. Jul 2019 – Jul 2020: Sensitive Activities Division Chief, Deputy Directorate for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, Joint Staff J3, Pentagon
18. Jul 2020 – Jun 2022: Vice Commander, 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon AFB, NM
19. Jun 2022 – Present: Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, NM

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jun 2012 – Jun 2014: Compartmented Planner, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Fort Bragg AIN, NC
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4. Sep 2020 – Jan 2021: Commander, Joint Special Operations Air Component – Central, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 1700+, including 400+ combat hours, 300+ combat support hours

Aircraft Flown: MQ-9, MQ-1, CV-22, MV-22, MH-53, UH-1H, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal

OTHER AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

2008 Colonel James Jabara Award for Airmanship

2016 General Atomics RPA Squadron of the Year Trophy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 02 Jun 1999

First Lieutenant 02 Jun 2001

Captain 02 Jun 2003

Major 01 Feb 2009

Lieutenant Colonel 01 Dec 2013

Colonel 01 Jan 2020