



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOHNNY R. MCGONIGAL

Colonel Johnny R. McGonigal is the Director, Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is responsible for the Air Force's high school citizenship training program comprised of about 125,000 students and 1,900 instructors at approximately 880 high schools worldwide. Colonel McGonigal directs staff initiatives and policy to implement the world's largest and most comprehensive aerospace science education program.

Colonel McGonigal is a 1998 graduate of Missouri State University and was commissioned through Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama in 2000. He first entered the Air Force in 1989 as an Air Traffic Control Apprentice. His career includes various operational Theater Air Control System assignments as an instructor senior director, air weapons officer, mission crew commander, and director of operations. He commanded the 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB Utah.

Colonel McGonigal is a master air battle manager with over 2200 hours in the E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft including over 500 combat hours and 150 combat support hours.



EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri
2000 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2000 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2008 Master of Business Administration degree, Touro University International, Cypress California
2013 Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas
2021 Master of Strategic Studies degree, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1989 - October 1994, Air Traffic Control Operator, Castle AFB, California
2. January 2001 – November 2001, Student, Undergraduate Air Battle Manager Training, Tyndall AFB, Florida
3. November 2001 – January 2005, E-3 Air Weapons Officer, Assistant Chief of Mobility, Senior Director, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa
4. January 2005 – October 2009, Instructor Senior Director, Assistant Flight Commander, Flight Commander, Wing Executive Officer, 552d Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
5. October 2009 – June 2012, Chief, Air Battle Manager and Chief, Combat Air Force Assignments, Air Force Personnel Center, JBSA-Randolph, Texas
6. June 2012 – June 2013, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas
7. June 2013 – June 2015, Assistant Director of Operations, Mission Crew Commander, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
8. June 2015 – June 2018, Operations Officer and Commander, 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
9. June 2018 – July 2020, Chief, Rated Operations Airman Career Management Branch, Air Force Personnel Center, JBSA-Randolph, Texas
10. July 2020 – July 2021 – Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
11. July 2021 – Present, Director, Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Air Battle Manager

Flight hours: More than 2,200 Aircraft flown: E-3

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant November 17, 2000

First Lieutenant November 17, 2002

Captain November 17, 2004

Major September 01, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel December 01, 2015

Colonel July 01, 2021

(current as of July 2021)