



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. BLAKE PIERCE

Lieutenant Colonel R. Blake Pierce is the Commander, 22nd Training Support Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He reports directly to the Commandant of Officer Training School about the training and commissioning of approximately 3,000 Air Force active duty, reserve, and Air National Guard officers annually. Additionally, he is responsible for a \$75 million world-class campus, including numerous field training sites.

Lt Colonel Pierce received his commission from the University of Georgia Reserve Officer Training Corp. He is a C-130 Navigator with over 2,500 hours in C-130E/H/H2 and MC-130P aircraft and has flown combat missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Lt Colonel Pierce has served in Air Mobility Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, and most recently Air University. He has provided humanitarian relief in support of the earthquake in Haiti, tsunami in Japan, and super typhoons in the Philippines.



EDUCATION

2002 Associate in Business, Truett McConnell College, Cleveland Ga.

2004 Bachelor of Science, Business Education, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2011 M.B.A Human Resource Management, California Coast University, Santa Ana CA

2016 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL, Ala

ASSIGNMENTS

Aug 2004 – Jun 2006, Navigator Student, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, TX

Jun 2006 – Jun 2009, Safety Officer / C-130 Navigator, 2nd Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB, NC

Jun 2009 – Jan 2011, Wing Chief of Flight Safety / C-130 Instructor Navigator, 43d Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, NC

Jan 2011 – Dec 2012, Flight CC / Evaluator Navigator MC-130P, 17 Special Operations Squadron, Kadena AB, JP

Dec 2012 – Oct 2014, Group Executive Officer / Evaluator Navigator, 353d Special Operations Group, Kadena AB, JP

Oct 2014 – Jul 2015, Assistant Operations Officer/Evaluator Navigator, 17 Special Operations Squadron, Kadena AB, JP

Jul 2015 – Jun 2016, IDE Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

Jun 2016 – Aug 2019, Director of Staff, Academic Instructor/Advisor, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

Aug 2019 – Dec 2019, Officer Training School Instructor, 24th Training Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL

Dec 2019 – Present, Commander, 22 Training Support Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Combat Systems Officer

Flight Hours: 2648

Aircraft Flown: T-43, T-1, C-130W, C-130E/H/H2, MC-130P

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 6, 2004

First Lieutenant June 6, 2006

Captain June 6, 2006

Major Nov 1, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2019

(Current as of January 2020)