



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BEN C. BERGREN

Lt Col Ben C. Bergren is the Advanced Program Manager, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. He serves as the direct advisor to the 7th Bomb Wing Commander on all programs protected under special access controls.

Lt Col Bergren graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2003 with a degree in Criminal Justice. He received his commission as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Initially, Lt Col Bergren commissioned as an aircraft maintenance officer and was stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. Lt Col Bergren was later accepted to Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training at Pensacola Naval Air Station, FL. Following completion of the B-1 Formal Training Unit, Lt Col Bergren was assigned to the 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX where he went on to serve a total of seven years culminating as the Director of Operations. Between his two operational flying tours, Lt Col Bergren was assigned to United States Indo-Pacific Command Headquarters, Future Operations Division, Honolulu, HI where he was responsible for developing crisis action plans.



Lt Col Bergren is a Senior Navigator with over 2,000 hours and 870 combat hours. He deployed three times to Southwest Asia and once to the USINDOPACOM region supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, INHERENT RESOLVE, DELIBERATE RESOLVE, and Bomber Assurance and Deterrence missions. Lt Col Bergren married Eileen Bergren in 2005 and they have three children; Chase, Caroline, and Lily.

EDUCATION

- 2003 Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- 2004 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2011 Masters of Science Degree in Aerospace Science (Correspondence), Embry-Riddle Worldwide
- 2014 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2015 Joint Professional Military Education II, National Defense University, Norfolk, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jun 03 – Apr 05, Flight Commander, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, 4th EMS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
2. May 05 – Aug 06, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL
3. Sep 06 – Jan 07, Student, Combat Systems Officer, Electronic Warfare Course, Randolph AFB, TX
4. Feb 07 – Oct 07, Student, B-1 Initial Qualification Course, Dyess AFB, TX
5. Nov 07 – Feb 09, Squadron Mobility Officer, Weapon Systems Officer, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
6. Mar 09 – Jan 11, Asst. Flt. Commander, Instructor Weapon Systems Officer, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
7. Feb 11 – Jul 12, 7th Maintenance Group Executive Officer, Instructor Weapon Systems Officer, Dyess AFB, TX

8. Aug 12 – Nov 13, Flight Commander, Instructor Weapon Systems Officer, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
9. Dec 13 – Oct 14, Executive Assistant to the Director, J8, Headquarters USINDOPACOM, Honolulu, HI
10. Nov 14 – Nov 16, Chief, North Korea Crisis Plans, Headquarters USINDOPACOM, Honolulu, HI
11. Dec 16 – Nov 17, Assistant Director of Operations, Evaluator Weapon Systems Officer, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
12. Dec 17 – Nov 19, Director of Operations, Evaluator Weapon Systems Officer, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
13. Dec 19 - Present, 7th Bomb Wing Advanced Program Manager, Evaluator Weapon Systems Officer, Dyess AFB, TX

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight Hours: 2,055

Aircraft Flown: B-1, T-39, T-1, T-6

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant May 2003

First Lieutenant May 2005

Captain May 2007

Major Oct 2013

Lieutenant Colonel Apr 2018

(Current as of Feb 2020)