



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN P. O'MEARA

Lieutenant Colonel John P. O'Meara is the Commander at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 002, California State University, San Bernardino. The mission of AFROTC is to recruit, train, motivate, and develop officer candidates into Air Force commissioned officers through a comprehensive college program. Lt Col O'Meara earned his commission through AFROTC in 2003. He is a Command Pilot with more than 3,500 flight hours in the MC-130H, C-130J, and C-130E and has flown and planned combat missions in the Philippines, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya. Most recently, he served as Commander of the 15th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Florida, where he led the Air Force's only MC-130H/MC-130J unit, managing a 2,400 flying hour program consisting of over 77,000 flying and ground training events for 16 assigned aircrews and associated support personnel responsible for conducting specialized mobility combat operations in the MC-130H and MC-130J.

EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2008 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2013 Master of Arts degree in Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL
2013 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2017 Master of Arts degree in Military Operational Arts and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

Sep 2003 – Jul 2004: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
Jul 2004 – Apr 2005: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, NAS Corpus Christi, TX
Apr 2005 – May 2006: Student, MC-130H Initial Qualification, Kirtland AFB, NM
May 2006 – Dec 2010: Executive Officer, Chief of Training, Aircraft Commander, 1st Special Operations Squadron, Kadena AB, JP
Dec 2010 – Oct 2012: Flight Commander of Plans, Evaluator Pilot, 7th Special Operations Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK
Oct 2012 – Apr 2013: Deputy Chief Group Standardizations and Evaluations, 352nd Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, UK
Apr 2013 – Dec 2013: Assistant Operations Officer, 7th Special Operations Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK
Dec 2013 – Jul 2016: RAF Exchange Pilot, 47 Squadron (RAF), RAF Brize Norton, UK
Jul 2016 – Jun 2017: Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell, AL
Jun 2017 – Jun 2019: Executive Officer to the Commanding General, Air Operations Division Chief, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, HI
Jun 2019 – Dec 2019: Operations Officer, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
Dec 2019 – Jul 2022: Commander, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
Jul 2022 – Present: Commander, AFROTC Det 002, California State University, San Bernardino, CA

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight hours: More than 3,500
Aircraft flown: MC-130H, C-130J, C-130E, C-12, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant: 22 Aug 2003
First Lieutenant: 22 Aug 2005
Captain: 22 Aug 2007
Major: 01 Dec 2013
Lieutenant Colonel: 01 Aug 2018