



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL JAMES LOCKE

Colonel James V. Locke is the Wing Commander for the 128th Air Refueling Wing (ARW), Wisconsin Air National Guard, General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, WI. He commands an organization that is responsible for maintaining worldwide unit readiness for KC-135 combat support operations.

Col Locke received his commission in 1989 after graduating from the Air Force ROTC program at California State University, Sacramento. He is a command pilot with more than 3,100 flying hours.

The 128th Air Refueling Wing operates the KC-135R "Stratotanker" as its primary weapons system and is responsible for supporting the Air Force's air refueling mission. The 128th is home to over 900 personnel authorized in direct support of its State and Air Force mission.



## EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelors Degree, Economics, University of California at Davis
- 1991 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, TX
- 1992 Combat Survival Training Course, Fairchild AFB, WA
- 1992 KC-135 Initial Copilot Crew Training, Castle AFB, CA
- 1995 KC-135 Pilot Upgrade Academic Training, Altus AFB, OK
- 1996 Squadron Officers School (Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2002 Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2002 KC-135 Instructor Aircraft Commander Short Course, Altus AFB, OK
- 2002 Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course, Kirtland AFB, NM
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence), Air University, Maxwell AFB
- 2004 ANG Safety Program Manager Course, WIANG HQ, Madison, WI
- 2004 Maintenance Resource Management Course, Flight Safety International, Raleigh Durham, NC
- 2006 Air War College (Correspondence), Air University, Maxwell AFB
- 2006 Commander Development Course, ANG, Crystal City, VA
- 2016 Executive Masters Degree, Business Administration, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1990 - August 1991, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, TX
2. April - July 1992, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, CA
3. March 2000 - January 2001, Wing Plans Officer, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI
4. February 2001 - Jul 2003, Aircraft Generation Squadron Commander, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI
5. July 2003 - October 2005, Chief of Safety, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI
6. November 2005 - January 2011, Maintenance Group Commander, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI
7. February 2011- August 2013, Operations Group Commander, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI
8. March - April 2011, Airfield Flow Control Director, CJOA-A, CAOC, AUAB
9. May - June 2011, Deputy Chief of Staff-Air, IJC, Kabul AB
10. September 2013 - July 2014, Vice Commander, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI
11. July 2014 - December 2014, Commander, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI
12. January 2015 - July 2017, Vice Commander, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI (June 2016 - November 2016, Deputy Director of Mobility Forces, USAFCENT, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
13. July 2017- Present, Wing Commander, 128 ARW, GMIAP, WI

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight hours: More than 3,100  
Aircraft flown: KC-135R, T-37, T-38

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with one Oakleaf Cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oakleaf Cluster  
Meritorious Unit Award  
AF Outstanding Unit Award with three Oakleaf Clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal with four Oakleaf Clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with one Oakleaf Cluster  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Oakleaf Cluster  
Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terror Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal with one Oakleaf Cluster  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Air and Space Campaign Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
Air Force Longevity Medal with four Oakleaf Clusters  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 'M' Device  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon  
AF Training Ribbon  
NATO Medal  
Louisiana Emergency Service Medal  
Wisconsin National Guard Emergency Service Ribbon  
Command Pilot Wings  
Maintenance Badge

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	June 18, 1989
First Lieutenant	June 18, 1992
Captain	June 21, 1994
Major	October 14, 1999
Lieutenant Colonel	February 18, 2004
Colonel	April 29, 2008

(Current as of September 2017)