



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COL KEITH P. BOONE

Colonel Keith P. Boone is Vice Commander of the 621st Contingency Response Wing, McGuire AFB, NJ. The wing provides specialized teams that extend air mobility infrastructure and establish initial airbase opening capability through forward deployment in permissive and non-permissive environments.

Colonel Boone is a graduate of Texas A&M University. After his commissioning through ROTC, he earned his wings at Reese AFB, Texas, in 1989. A command pilot with over 4,100 flight hours, Colonel Boone has flown C-130E and C-17A aircraft in numerous exercises and contingencies including Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Provide Comfort, Provide Promise, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Colonel Boone was selected for C-17 Initial Cadre in 1993 and was instrumental in the standup of the first two active duty squadrons and C-17 formal training unit. He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and Air Command and Staff College.



Colonel Boone's assignments have included Air Mobility Squadron Commander, C-17 Airlift Squadron Operations Officer, and staff tours at the Headquarters, Air Force at the Pentagon and Headquarters, Air Mobility Command at Scott AFB, IL. His most recent assignment was Air Mobility Division Director at the AFCENT Combined Air and Space Operations Center where he was responsible for planning and executing all intra-theater airlift, air refueling, and aeromedical evacuation missions in support of Operations ENDURING AND IRAQI FREEDOM and other theater missions vital to U.S. interests.

EDUCATION

- 1987 Bachelor of science degree in computer science, Texas A&M University, Tex.
- 1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1998 Master of arts degree, management, Webster University, Mo.
- 2000 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2000 Master of military operational art and science degree, Air Command and Staff College, Ala.
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2009 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1988 - January 1989, student pilot, 64th Student Squadron, Reese Air Force Base, Tex.
2. February 1989 - October 1993, C-130 instructor pilot and chief of tactics, 61st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
3. October 1993 - February 1995, C-17 initial cadre, instructor pilot and lead airdrop pilot, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
4. April 1995 - February 1996, C-17 flight examiner and lead airdrop pilot, chief of training, 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
5. February 1996 - May 1998, C-17 combat crew training school flight examiner, operations management flight commander, 58th Airlift Squadron, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.
6. September 1998 - July 1999, C-17 combat crew training school flight examiner, training flight commander, 97th Operations Support Squadron, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.
7. July 1999 - July 2000, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. July 2000 - July 2003, chief, Doctrine Branch, Doctrine and Policy Division, Directorate of Plans and Programs, Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
9. July 2003 - September 2004, assistant operations officer, 4th Airlift Squadron, executive officer, 62nd Airlift Wing, and operations officer, 7th Airlift Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
10. October 2004 - May 2006, commander, 734th Air Mobility Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
11. June 2006 - July 2008, Deputy Chief, Global Mobility Division, Directorate of Programs, DCS for Strategic Plans and Programs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. August 2008 - June 2009, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. June 2009 - June 2010, Director, Air Mobility Division, 609 Air And Space Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
14. June 2010 - Present, Vice Commander, 621st Contingency Response Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, NJ.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight Hours: More than 4,100
Aircraft Flown: T-37A, T-38B, C-130E, C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Mertiorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal with one service star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one service star
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two service stars
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Colonel May 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel Feb 1, 2004
Major June 1, 1999
Captain Nov 22, 1991
First Lieutenant Nov 22, 1989
Second Lieutenant Nov 22, 1987