



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lieutenant Colonel Micheal McKenna

Lt Col Michael R. McKenna is Commander of the 34th Combat Training Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. The 34 CTS executes Air Mobility Command's only Joint Accredited exercise program, focused on training Mobility Air Forces on intra-theater airlift operations, personnel recovery, and joint mission planning. The squadron is comprised of 14 different functional specialties across two geographic locations, including Aircrew, Intelligence, Command and Control, Air Mobility Liaison Officers, Logisticians, and Survival/Evasion/Resistance/Escapes Specialists. On average, the 34 CTS annually trains over 15,000 Airman, Soldiers, and international partners through the Joint National Training Center and Air Mobility Command's STORM FLAG exercises and leads mobility forces' integration with the US Army's Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Johnson, Louisiana.

Lt Col McKenna is a 2007 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He attended pilot training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. After completing C-130J initial qualification training he was stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas – where he attended the United States Air Force Weapons Instructor Course – and then Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. Lt Col McKenna has served in a variety of positions

both in garrison and deployed including: Director of Operations for the 744th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Wing Chief of Tactics, Chief of Current Operations, Assistant Director of Operations, and Squadron Chief of Standardizations and Evaluations. Lt Col McKenna attended the US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas prior to his staff assignment at HQ Pacific Air Forces to lead Combined/Joint Exercise Planning and Execution in the USINDOPACOM theater of operations.

Lt Col McKenna is a senior pilot with 597 combat hours and over 2,800 total flight hours. He has participated in the U.S. Global War on Terrorism with three deployments in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor of Science, English, United States Air Force Academy, CO

2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2014 Master of Science, Meteorology, Mississippi State University, MS

2015 United States Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Little Rock Air Force Base, AR

2020 Master of Science, Military Operational Art and Science, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS





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ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2007 – April 2008, Executive Officer, 437th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Charleston, SC
2. April 2008 – April 2009, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, NAS Whiting Field, FL
3. April 2009 – January 2010, Student, Advanced Undergraduate Pilot Training, NAS Corpus Christi, TX
4. January 2010 – August 2010, Student, C-130J Formal Training Unit, Little Rock AFB, AR
5. August 2010 – September 2013, Chief of Pilot Scheduling, 41st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR
6. September 2013 – July 2015, Current Operations Flight Commander, 19th Operations Support Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR
7. July 2015 – December 2015, Student, US Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, 29th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR
8. December 2015 – June 2016, Group Weapons Officer, 19th Operations Group, Little Rock AFB, AR
9. June 2016 – June 2019, Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Squadron Tactics, Chief of Wing Tactics, Assistant Director of Operations, and Chief of Squadron Standardizations and Evaluations, 39th Airlift Squadron and 317th Airlift Wing, Dyess AFB, TX
10. June 2019 – June 2020, IDE Student, US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
11. June 2020 – June 2023, Branch Chief of Exercises and Aerial Events, HQ Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam, HI
12. June 2023 – June 2024, Director of Operations, 62nd Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR
13. Jun 2024 – Present, Commander, 34th Combat Training Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR

FLIGHT INFORMATION

RATING: SENIOR PILOT

FLIGHT HOURS: MORE THAN 2,800

AIRCRAFT FLOWN: T-34, TC-12, C-130J, CC-130J (RCAF)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters and C device

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters and C device

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2013 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School

2015 Academic Award and Top Paper, C-130J Weapons Instructor Course

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	30 May 2007
First Lieutenant	30 May 2009
Captain	30 May 2011
Major	1 April 2017
Lieutenant Colonel	1 October 2021

(Current as of July 2024)

