



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH S. MIRANDA

Lt Col Miranda is the Deputy Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe – Air Forces Africa (USAFE-AFAFRICA) Warrior Preparation Center (WPC), Einsiedlerhof Air Station, Germany. The WPC is the premier Joint & Coalition integrated, multi-domain warfighter training provider for readiness in USAFE and AFAFRICA. The WPC prepares Joint, NATO and Partner Nations' warfighters to conduct innovative full-spectrum operations against a near-peer threat through strategic, operational and tactical exercises, advanced training, and professional education. Additionally, he oversees the USAFE-AFAFRICA Distributed Training Center, the USAFE-AFAFRICA Air Ground Operations School, the Inter-European Air Forces Academy, the European Integrated Air and Missile Defense Center, the multinational Tactical Leadership Programme and the tri-national Polygone Electronic Warfare Range.



Lt Col Miranda graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2003 with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, followed by F-16 training at Luke AFB, Arizona. Lt Col Miranda served in a variety of flying and staff assignments, including operational F-16 duty in the United States, Europe, and Asia. He has commanded a fighter squadron and served as a staff officer at Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, a flight examiner at the squadron and group levels, and a fighter wing executive officer.

Lt Col Miranda is a senior pilot with over 2,300 flying hours and has participated in numerous combat operations including Operations Iraqi Freedom, Odyssey Dawn, Enduring Freedom, Resolute Support, Freedom's Sentinel, and Noble Eagle.

EDUCATION

- 2003 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
- 2003 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2009 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2016 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2016 Master of Military Operational Art and Sciences, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2003 – April 2004, Assistant Resource Advisor, 550th Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
2. April 2004 – October 2005, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Mississippi
3. October 2005 – January 2006, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Moody AFB, Georgia

4. January 2006 – September 2006, Student, F-16 Initial Qualification, 62d Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona
5. October 2006 – September 2009, Chief of Scheduling, Instructor Pilot, 510th Fighter Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
6. October 2009 – May 2010, Chief of Combat Employment, Wing Weapons, 8th Operations Support Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
7. May 2010 – January 2011, Flight Commander, Flight Examiner, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
8. February 2011 – December 2011, F-16 Division Chief, Wing Weapons, 52d Operations Support Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
9. December 2011 – March 2013, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 480th Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
10. March 2013 – September 2013, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 451st Expeditionary Operations Group, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan
11. October 2013 – April 2014, Wing Executive Officer, Instructor Pilot, 52d Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
12. April 2014 – August 2016, Branch Chief, Rated Operations Airmen Career Management, HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas
13. August 2016 – December 2016, Assistant Director of Operations, 79th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
14. December 2016 – May 2018, Director of Operations, 79th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
15. June 2018 – June 2019, Commander, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
16. July 2019 – Present, Deputy Commander, Warrior Preparation Center, Einsiedlerhof Air Station (AS), Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight Hours: 2398 with more than 800 combat hours in OIF/OEF/ORS/OFS

Aircraft Flown: F-16, T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three service stars

Iraq Campaign Medal with service star

Korea Defense Service Medal

NATO Medal with service star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 2003

First Lieutenant May 28, 2005

Captain May 28, 2007

Major September 1, 2013

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2018

(Current as of September 2019)