



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MARK D. ARNHOLT

Colonel Mark D. Arnholt is the Senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Air Force Chief of Safety, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and Commander, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He advises the commander on the Air Reserve Component (ARC) support for all Air Force aviation, ground, weapons, space and system mishap prevention, and nuclear surety programs to preserve combat readiness. He facilitates ARC participation and research to promote safety awareness, mishap prevention, mishap investigations as well as safety and risk management courses.

Col Arnholt began his military career upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy in 1993. He has served in multiple capacities at the squadron, group, wing, center, agency and COCOM levels. He has served in a variety of duty statuses to include active duty Air Force, Air National Guard drill status guardsman and technician, Air Force Reserve IMA and traditional reservist, as well as government civilian service for the National Nuclear Security Administration. He has had several rated assignments to include initial cadre for two Total Force Integrations, one as a squadron commander. He also has extensive operation flight test experience.



Col Arnholt is a command pilot with over 2,500 flight hours including over 2,000 hours and 105 combat hours in the F-16. He has deployed in support of Operations Northern Watch, Noble Eagle, Korean theater support package twice, and Iraqi Freedom.

EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering, U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 1997 Masters of Science in Mechanical and Environmental Engineering, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2013 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2014 Advanced Nuclear Weapon Certification, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Defense Nuclear Weapon School, Kirtland AFB, NM
- 2015 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, by Hybrid, Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1993 - June 1997, Space Launch Complex Project Engineer, Space and Missile Command (SMC), Detachment 9, Vandenberg AFB, CA
2. July 1997 - August 1998, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, TX
3. November 1998 - January 1999, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
4. January - September 1999, F-16C upgrade training, 62nd Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
5. October 1999 - June 2002, Chief of Mission Planning, 188th Fighter Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
6. July 2002 - June 2006, Stan Eval Officer, 150th Defense System Evaluation - Joint Operational Flight Test Support, Kirtland AFB, NM
7. July 2006 - Feb 2010, Chief of Scheduling and Training / Flight Commander, 150th OSF / 188th FS, Kirtland AFB, NM
8. Mar 2010 - January 2012, Operations Officer & Interim Chief of Safety, 150th FW, Kirtland AFB,

9. May 2011 - August 2011, Student, C-130J initial qualification course, Little Rock AFB, AR
10. January 2012 - August 2013, Commander, 150th OSS, Kirtland AFB, NM
11. August 2013 - March 2014, Reserve Component Deputy Chief, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), Defense Nuclear Weapon School
12. March 2014 - February 2016, Integration Officer and Instructor Pilot, 944th OG Det 1, Holloman AFB, NM
13. February 2016—October 2017, IMA to the Vice Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB, NM
14. October 2017 - November 2019, IMA to the Joint Exercise Control Group Director, INDO-PACOM J37, Camp Smith, HI
15. November 2019 - Present, IMA to the Air Force Chief of Safety, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and Commander, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M. (May 2020-August 2020 Director, Joint Operations Center, INDO-PACOM J3, Camp Smith, HI)

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2013 - March 2014, Reserve Component Deputy Chief, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), Defense Nuclear Weapon School
2. October 2017 - November 2019, IMA to the Joint Exercise Control Group Director, INDO-PACOM J37, Camp Smith, HI
3. May 2020 - August 2020, Director, Joint Operations Center, INDO-PACOM J3, Camp Smith, HI

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot
 Flight hours: More than 2,500 (105 Combat)
 Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, C/EC/HC-130J, F-16C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Air Medal
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 Meritorious Unit Award
 AF Organizational Excellence Award
 Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Korean Defense Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Federal Agency Aviation Professional of the Year 2018—Operational Category (As a civilian at the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Secure Transportation)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	June 2, 1993
First Lieutenant	June 2, 1995
Captain	June 2, 1997
Major	Feb. 6, 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	Dec. 6, 2008
Colonel	Jan 1, 2016

(Current as of August 2021)