



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL VICTORIA L. THOMAS

Lieutenant Colonel Victoria L. Thomas is the commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 128 hosted on the University of Delaware's main campus. In this capacity she directs a college-level officer training program while chairing, and instructing in, the Department of Aerospace Studies. Detachment 128 is made of cadets from the University of Delaware, Delaware State University, Wilmington University, and Delaware Technical Community College.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas is a command pilot with over 2,800 flight hours, including over 1,200 flown in combat. She has previously served in such roles as the Director of Staff at the United States Air Force Academy's glider training program in Colorado Springs, Colorado and as an Air Mobility Strategist assigned to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Joint Air Power Competence Centre in Kalkar, Germany.



### EDUCATION

2004 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Seattle University, WA  
2005 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2009 Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, Gonzaga University, WA  
2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2015 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2016 NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course, NATO School Oberammergau, DEU  
2017 Joint Forces Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School—JPME Phasell, Norfolk, VA  
2021 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2004 – July 2005, Casual Lieutenant, 50th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS
2. July 2005 – April 2006, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
3. April 2006 – September 2012, C-130E/H Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, Group Executive Officer, 39th Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
4. October 2012 – November 2013, C-130E/H Instructor Pilot, Chief of Squadron Training, 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR
5. November 2013 – June 2015, C-17A Pilot, Chief of Squadron Awards and Decoration, Assistant Director of Operations, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
6. June 2015 – June 2019, Commander's Action Group Chief and NATO Joint Air-to-Air Refueling Strategist, NATO Joint Air Power Competence Centre, Kalkar, DEU
7. July 2019 – June 2021, TG-16A Instructor Pilot, Squadron Director of Staff, Chief Pilot, 94th Flying Training Squadron, United States Air Force Academy, CO
8. June 2021-present, Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 128, Newark, DE

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight hours: over 2,800 (1,200 combat)  
Aircraft flown: C-130E/H, C-17A, TG-16A

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air & Space Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two service stars

NATO Medal with 2 service stars

2019 Air Refueling Systems Advisory Group Exception Service to Aerial Refueling Team Award

2017 NATO Air Command Field Grade Officer of the Year

2017 Air Refueling Systems Advisory Group Exception Service to Aerial Refueling Award

2010 Air Mobility Command Jewish Institute for National Security of America Award

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      28 June 2004

First Lieutenant        28 June 2006

Captain                    28 June 2008

Major                      1 January 2015

Lieutenant Colonel      1 July 2019

(Current as of April 2023)