



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL BRIAN D. PUKALL

Colonel Brian D. Pukall is the Commander, 557th Weather Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He leads more than 1,450 active duty and civil service personnel at 18 locations around the world providing centralized weather products and services, including climatological and space weather support, to Air Force, Army, Joint Force, and other Department of Defense activities. The 557th Weather Wing executes worldwide weather operations to enable air and space superiority, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, rapid global mobility, global strike, and command and control in support of all geographic and functional combatant commands.

Colonel Pukall received his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1991 after receiving a Mathematics degree from Concordia College. He is a Master Meteorologist, Foreign Affairs Officer and speaks both Italian and Spanish. He has commanded the 21st Operational Weather Squadron and the 31st Mission Support Group. Prior to his current position, Colonel Pukall was the Chief of the Security Assistance Branch, J-5, United States Southern Command, Miami, Florida, where he was responsible for ensuring support was provided to Department of Defense elements in Embassies across Southern Command's area of responsibility.



EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.
- 1998 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science, Dynamic Meteorology, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
- 1999 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 Distinguished Graduate, Spanish Language Course, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Presidio of Monterey, Monterey, Calif.
- 2005 Distinguished Graduate, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Fort Benning, Ga.
- 2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Leadership Enhancement Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
- 2014 National Defense Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1992–April 1993, Student, Basic Meteorology Program, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.
2. May 1993–August 1996, Wing Weather Officer, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy
3. August 1996–March 1998, Graduate Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
4. March 1998–August 1999, Surveillance Technology Meteorologist, Air Force Research Laboratory, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
5. August 1999–September 2000, Commander, Space Vehicles Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
6. September 2000–June 2002, Commander, Weather Flight, 100th Air Refueling Wing, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom

7. June 2002–August 2003, Assistant Operations Officer, 100th Operations Support Squadron, 100th Air Refueling Wing, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom
8. August 2003–June 2004, Student, Spanish Language Course, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Presidio of Monterey, Monterey, Calif.
9. June 2004 – June 2005, Student, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Fort Benning, Ga.
10. June 2005–March 2006, Political-Military Affairs Action Officer, Headquarters United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla.
11. March 2006–July 2007, Executive Officer to the Director, Strategy, Policy and Security Cooperation (J5), Headquarters United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla.
12. July 2007–June 2009, Commander, 21st Operational Weather Squadron, Sembach AB, Germany
13. June 2009–August 2009, Academic Instructor and Advisor, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. August 2009–May 2010, Director of Staff, Department of Leadership and Strategy, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. May 2010–August 2010, Associate Dean for Operations, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. August 2010–March 2011, Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas
17. March 2011–June 2013, Commander, 31st Mission Support Group, Aviano AB, Italy
18. July 2013–August 2014, National Defense Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, D.C.
19. August 2014–October 2014, Chief, Strategy and Plans Division, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Washington, D.C.
20. October 2014–December 2014, Deputy Director, Strategy, Resources and Integration Directorate, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Washington, D.C.
21. January 2015–July 2015, Student, Defense Language Institute and Joint Military Attaché School, Washington, D.C.
22. July 2015–July 2017, Air Attaché, Mexico City, Mexico
23. July 2017–June 2018, Security Assistance Branch Chief, J-5, Headquarters United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla.
24. June 2018–Present, Commander, 557th Weather Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2005–March 2006, Political-Military Affairs Action Officer, Headquarters United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla., as major
2. March 2006–July 2007, Executive Officer to the Director, J-5, Headquarters United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla., as lieutenant colonel
3. July 2015–July 2017, United States Air Attaché to Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, as a colonel
4. July 2017–June 2018, Security Assistance Branch Chief, J-5, Headquarters United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla., as a colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

FOREIGN AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Military Distinction, Mexico

Naval Distinction, Second Class, Mexico

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	Nov. 25, 1991
First Lieutenant	Nov. 25, 1993
Captain	Nov. 25, 1995
Major	Sept. 1, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	Dec. 1, 2006
Colonel	Sept. 1, 2011

(Current as of August 2019)