



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLARENCE C. HOUSTON, JR

Lieutenant Colonel Clarence C. Houston, Jr. is the Commander of the 627th Communications Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. As commander, Lt Col Houston is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping 140 Airmen and civilian personnel supporting combatant command requirements and providing command, control, communications and computer support to the largest joint base in the Department of Defense. He also provides records management, Privacy Act, and Freedom of Information Act support for Air Force units assigned to McChord Field. Prior to taking command, Major Houston was a student at Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Military Operational Art and Science.

Lt Col Houston is from Miami, Florida and was commissioned in 2003 after graduating as a Distinguished Graduate from Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He is a career Cyberspace Operations Officer and has served in various operational and staff assignments at the squadron, wing, MAJCOM, and Joint Chiefs of Staff levels. His other assignments include AFROTC Commandant of Cadets at Tennessee State University and Air Advisor to the Iraqi Air Force while deployed to Al Rustamiyah, Iraq.



EDUCATION

- 2001 B.S., Information Systems Management, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD
- 2003 Basic Communications Officer Training (BCOT), Keesler AFB, MS
- 2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2005 M.S., Information Technology Management, Touro University International, Cypress, CA
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL (Residence)
- 2013 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2013 Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JPME II), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2017 M.S., Military Operational Art and Science, ACSC, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Feb 03 - Feb 04 Computer Resource Officer, 78th Communications Squadron, Robins AFB, GA
2. Feb 04 - Feb 05 Wing Executive Officer, 78th Air Base Wing, Robins AFB, GA
3. Feb 05 - Jul 06 Deputy Commander, Mission Systems Flight, 78th Communications Squadron, Robins AFB, GA
4. Jul 06 - Jul 08 Instructor/Commandant of Cadets, AFROTC, Det 790, Tennessee State University, TN
5. Jul 08 - Jul 09 Air Advisor and Flight Commander, Air Force Officer College, Rustamiyah, Iraq
6. Aug 09 - Sep 10 Commander, Operations Flight, 747th Communications Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
7. Sep 10 - Sep 11 Deputy Commander, 747th Communications Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
8. Sep 11 - Jun 12 Chief, Force Management Branch/Functional Manager, PACAF/A6, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
9. Jun 12 - Jul 13 Chief, COMPACAF Executive Communications, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
10. Jul 13 - Nov 14 IM/KM Observer/Trainer, The Joint Staff, J7, Deployable Training Division, Suffolk, VA
11. Nov 14 - Jul 16 Cyberspace Observer/Trainer, The Joint Staff, J7, Deployable Training Division, Suffolk, VA
12. Jul 16 - Jul 17 Student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
13. Jul 17 - Present Commander, 627th Communications Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Aerial Achievement Medal with eight oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	21 February 2003
First Lieutenant	21 February 2005
Captain	21 February 2007
Major	1 January 2013
Lieutenant Colonel	1 December 2017

(Current as of 2 December 2017)