



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRISTOPHER J. "CONMAN" CONOVER

Lt. Col. Christopher J. "Conman" Conover is the Director, Base Rebuild Program Management Office (PMO) at 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He directs all of Offutt's recovery, relocation, restructure and rebuilding efforts caused by the historic and disastrous floods in March 2019 that impacted: 52 mission partners, U.S.Strategic Command and specifically the 55th Wing's Operations and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities.

Lt. Col. Conover commissioned in 2002 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He earned his wings at the joint specialized navigator training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., and went to fly in the B-1 bomber as a weapons systems operator. Later, he cross-trained into the RC-135V/W as an ISR Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO).

Lt. Col. Conover has served in a variety of flying and staff positions to include: exec, chief of air tactics, assistant flight commander, mobility chief, flight commander, flight instructor, formal training unit flight instructor and examiner.



Lt. Col. Conover was a backup exec to the U.S. Pacific Command J3 and served as HQ's Branch Chief of Operations and Dynamic Targeting, where he was responsible for designing and directing the buildout of the first targeting center for the Pacific Command Headquarters, Hawaii. He also served as a congressional liaison officer to members of the House and Senate, and as a Deputy Division Chief and a Branch Chief assigned under the Office of the Secretary of Defense overseeing the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIJEDDO) to counter violent extremist organizations (VEOs). Prior to his current position, he was the program manager for the 55th Wing Advanced Programs Office.

Lt. Col. Conover is an Electronic Warfare Officer with a Master Navigator rating and more than 2,000 total flying hours in both the RC-135V/W Rivet Joint and the B-1B Lancer with over 840 combat flying hours. He has flown in Operations Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel.

EDUCATION

- 2002 Bachelor of Arts, Business Spanish, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, N.C.
- 2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Masters in Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona, Fla.
- 2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Joint Forces Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JPME II), Naval Station Norfolk, Va.
- 2018 Air War Collage, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence, in progress

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2002 – Feb 2003, Operations Officer, 9th Special Operations Sq, Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Fla.
2. February 2003 – June 2004, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator School, NAS Pensacola, Fla.
3. June 2004 – Nov 2004, Student, Electronic Warfare School, 563rd Flying Training Sq, Randolph AFB, Texas

4. November 2004 – Nov 2005, Student, B-1 Bomber Weapons System Training, 28th Bomb Sq, Dyess AFB, Texas
5. November 2005 – Nov 2006, Executive Officer, B-1 Bomber, 28th Bomb Sq, Dyess AFB, Texas
6. November 2006 – July 2007, Commander's Action Group, 338th Combat Training Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
7. July 2007 – June 2008, Student, RC-135V/W Initial Qualification, 338th Combat Training Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
8. June 2008 – Jan 2009, Chief of Air Tactics, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb,
9. January 2009 – Sept 2009, Asst Flight Commander, Instructor EWO, 38th Reconnaissance Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
10. September 2009 – March 2010, Mobility Chief, Instructor EWO, 338th Combat Training Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
11. March 2010 – Sept 2010, Flight Commander, Instructor EWO, 338th Combat Training Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
12. September 2010 – Sept 2011, Flight Commander, Evaluator EWO, 338th Combat Training Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
13. September 2011 – June 2013, Branch Chief, Global Enterprise Partners, OSD/JIEDDO, Arlington, Va.
14. June 2013 – June 2014, Deputy Division Chief, J4 Net-Centric Innovation Division, OSD/JIEDDO, Arlington, Va.
15. June 2014 – Oct 2014, Deputy Chf, Congressional Affairs, Command Special Staff, OSD/JIEDDO, Arlington, Va.
16. October 2014 – Jul 2017, Branch Chf, Joint Fires Element/Ops, U.S. Pacific Command HQ, Camp Smith, Hawaii
17. July 2017 – April 2018, Student, RC-135V/W Requalification Training, 338th Combat Training Sq, Offutt AFB, Neb.
18. April 2018 – March 2019, Director, Program Manager, Advanced Programs, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.
19. March 2019 – April 2019, Deputy Director, Offutt Flood Recovery Operations Center, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.
20. April 2019 – Present, Director, NEXGEN Base Rebuild Program Management Office, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: master navigator

Flight Hours: more than 2,000 flying hours and more than 840 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-34, T-1, T-39, T-43, B-1B, RC-135V/W

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 10, 2002

First Lieutenant June 2, 2004

Captain May 29, 2006

Major June 1, 2012

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2017

(CURRENT AS OF JULY 2021)