



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ROBERT ALLEN KING

Col. Robert “Allen” King is currently assigned as the Vice Commander of the 117th Air Refueling Wing, Birmingham, Alabama. He is responsible for providing leadership and direction for over 120 military professionals as well as overseeing all operational aspects in support of Air Mobility Command and the 117th Air Refueling Wing’s mission of performing global air refueling, airlift and aeromedical evacuation in direct support of the Air Force’s Global Reach, Global Power missions.

Col. King began his Air Force career in 1985 as an Honor Graduate from Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the USAF through the Academy of Military Science in September 1993 and graduated from Undergraduate Navigator Training in June 1994. He was a Distinguished Graduate from Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1999 at Columbus AFB, Mississippi and is a Command Pilot with over 4,700 hours.

Col. King has extensive NATO experience directing Tanker and Airlift aircraft at Combined Air Operation Centers and has served in leadership positions as staff and crew in Operations PROVIDE COMFORT, DELIBERATE GUARD, NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, UNIFIED PROTECTOR and NEW DAWN. Prior to assuming his current position Col. King served as Commander of the 106th Air Refueling Squadron, 117th Air Refueling Wing.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science degree, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2003 Masters of Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Worldwide Campus
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Reserve Component National Security Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Air War College, by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 NATO Senior Reserve Officers Course, Oberammergau, Germany
- 2017 National Guard Commanders Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1986–September 1989, Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, 524th Training Squadron, (F-111D) Cannon AFB, N.M.
2. October 1989–August 1993, Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, Crash and Recovery Team, 117th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (RF-4C) Sumpter Smith ANG Base, Birmingham, Ala.
3. October 1993–June 1994, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
4. July 1994–January 1999, KC-135R Navigator, Instructor Navigator, 106th Air Refueling Squadron, Sumpter Smith ANG Base, Birmingham, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS Cont'd

5. January 1998–April 1998, Tanker Director, Combined Air Operations Center 7, Vicenza, Italy
6. February 1999–February 2000, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
7. August 2003–December 2003, Senior Tanker Director, Combined Air Operation Center 5, Poggio Renatico, Italy
8. January 2003–December 2012, KC-135R Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot, Evaluator Pilot, 106th Air Refueling Squadron, Sumpter Smith ANG Base, Birmingham, Ala.
9. March 2011–May 2011, Tanker Battle Staff, Combined Air Operation Center 7 and 5, Izmir, Turkey and Poggio Renatico, Italy
10. January 2012–November 2013, Chief of Standards and Evaluations, 117th Operations Group, Sumpter Smith ANG Base, Birmingham, Ala.
11. December 2013–October 2014, Chief of Wing Safety, 117th Air Refueling Wing, Sumpter Smith ANG Base, Birmingham, Ala.
12. October 2014–March 2016, Commander, 106th Air Refueling Squadron, Sumpter Smith ANG Base, Birmingham, Ala.
13. March 2016–December 2017, Commander, 117th Operations Group, Sumpter Smith ANG Base, Birmingham, Ala.
14. December 2017–Present, Vice Commander, 117th Air Refueling Wing, Sumpter Smith ANG Base, Birmingham, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,700

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-1, KC-135R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with one silver and three oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Iraq Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Basic Military Training Honor Graduate

NATO medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant September 30, 1993

First Lieutenant November 3, 1995

Captain November 13, 1997

Major September 19, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel September 19, 2009

Colonel June 2, 2016

(Current as of February 2018)