



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL R. CARY AMBURN

Colonel R. Cary Amburn is the Deputy Director of Communications, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. He is responsible for cyberspace and communications policy, resource advocacy, and program management supporting Air Combat Command's mission—providing combat ready forces to deliver dominant combat airpower in support of national security strategy implementation. His team provides critical cyberspace and communications support for the command's 34 wings, 1,300 aircraft, 19 bases, and 70 worldwide operating locations with 94,000 active-duty and civilian personnel.

Prior to this assignment, Colonel Amburn served as the Director of Command, Control, Communications and Computers Systems (CJTF/J6), Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa where he led military and contract personnel in the planning, procuring and implementation of communication projects supporting the task force's mission throughout its 9-country AOR in East Africa as well as providing expeditionary communications support to the East African Response Force. Colonel Amburn is a Cyberspace Operations Officer and has served in every level of the Air Force structure from Headquarters to Squadron. He has commanded both garrison and deployed communications units.



EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Business Management, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- 1989 Operations Management Officers Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.
- 1993 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
- 1995 Master of Arts in Public Administration, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama.
- 1996 Master of Science in Human Resource Management, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama.
- 1997 Advanced Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.
- 2002 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
- 2002 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
- 2011 Master's in Strategic Military Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1989 – September 1992, Adjutant, 436th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, then 433rd Fighter Squadron and later 8th Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, New Mexico.
2. September 1992 – March 1995, Emergency Actions Officer, 363rd then later 20th Fighter Wing Command Post, Shaw AFB, South Carolina.
3. March 1995 – March 1996, Squadron Section Commander, 79th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
4. March 1996 – September 1996, Executive Officer, 20th Operations Group, Shaw AFB, South Carolina.
5. September 1996 – October 1997, Assistant Chief, Wing Plans, 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, North Carolina.
6. October 1997 – October 1998, Commander, Plans and Implementation Flight, 43rd Communications Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina.

7. October 1998 – September 1999, Commander, Information Systems Flight, 43rd Communications Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina.
8. September 1999 – March 2001, Director of Communication and Information, 615th Air Mobility Support Group, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
9. March 2001 – June 2002, Action Officer, Chief Information Officer Division then Information Assurance Division, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
10. June 2002 – September 2002 - Student, Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia.
11. September 2002 – July 2005, Chief, C4 Programs Branch, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida.
12. July 2005 – July 2006, Chief, Customer Support Division, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Florida.
13. July 2006 – July 2008, Commander, 55th Communications Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska.
14. July 2008 – July 2010, Chief, Current Operations and Crisis Response Division, Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington D.C.
15. February 2009 – August 2009 Commander, 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
16. July 2010 – June 2011 Student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
17. June 2011 – May 2014, Chief, Strategy Integration, Office of Business Transformation, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. May 2014 – Mar 2016, Director, Mission Support Directorate, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.
19. Mar 2016 - April 2017, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4) Systems Directorate (CJ-6), Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti
20. June 2017- Present, Deputy Director, Communications Directorate, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2002 – July 2006, Chief, C4 Programs Branch and later Chief, Customer Support Division, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a lieutenant colonel
2. Mar 2106 - April 2017, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4) Systems Directorate (J-6), Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti as a colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with a silver and bronze oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Commendation Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster
 Army Commendation Medal
 Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
 Armed Forces Services Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	August 29, 1989
First Lieutenant	August 20, 1991
Captain	August 20, 1993
Major	December 1, 2000
Lieutenant Colonel	December 1, 2005
Colonel	April 1, 2011

(Current as of June 2017)