



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lt Col IAN E. CALDERON

Lt Col Calderon is an Active Duty RC-135 Aircraft Commander and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Commander, Nebraska Wing. He is responsible for being a Combat Mission Ready pilot in the execution worldwide missions and leading 400 CAP volunteers in all matters related to Operations, Aerospace Education, Emergency Services and Cadet programs with a focus on addressing National, USAF and CAP pilot shortages.

Lt Col Calderon is a current CAP Air Operations Branch Director, Mission Staff Assistant, Mission Pilot and Emergency Services Aircrew qualification skills evaluator trainer.

He previously served as the Deputy Secretary to the Joint Staff U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) Headquarters (HQ) and liaised with the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff and the USCENTCOM Command Group. He led 4000+ Joint and Combined staff members in the receipt, assignment, tracking and completion of DoD taskers.



Lt Col Calderon received his commission from Arizona State University's AFROTC program in 2003. He is a Command pilot with over 3,500 flying hours in the E-3, RC-135 and multiple Civil Air Patrol Aircraft. He has flown combat missions in Operation's IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, UNIFIED PROTECTOR, and INHERENT RESOLVE. Lt Col Calderon was an E-3 Instructor Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations for multiple Airborne Air Control Squadrons, where he led six flights and seven staff sections comprised of over 300 aircrew members in 15 different E-3 AWACS aircrew specialties. He participated in Hurricane's Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Michael rescue and FEMA operations and served as an enlisted F-16 Crew Chief, during Operation's NORTHERN WATCH AND ALLIED FORCE. He is also a Security Cooperation Officer, responsible for U.S relations with partner nations by strengthening national security needs through combined Department of Defense, Department of State and Host Nation Foreign Assistance Act and Arms Export Control Act funded exercise and training programs.

EDUCATION

2001 Associates degree in Aerospace Tactical Maintenance, Community College of the Air Force

2002 Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies, Excelsior College, Albany New York

2003 Master's Degree in Computer Resources and Info Management, Webster University

2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2011 Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

2012 Dynamics of International Terrorism, Air Force Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field FL

2014 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2017 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, National Defense University, Norfolk VA

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,500

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-1, E-3B/C, RC-135V/W, EP3, C152, C172, C182, BE76

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2021 – Present, Civil Air Patrol Nebraska Wing Commander
2. October 2019 – March 2021, Civil Air Patrol Nebraska Wing Director of Operations
3. June 2019 – Present, RC-135V/W Aircraft Commander, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
4. May 2018 – June 2019 – Civil Air Patrol Pinellas Senior Squadron Emergency Services Training Officer
5. Jan 2017 – June 2019 – Civil Air Patrol Florida Wing Group 3 Cadet Orientation Flight Coordinator
6. June 2016 – June 2019, Deputy Secretary to the Joint Staff, HQ USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, FL
7. October 2015 – June 2016, Flying Training Unit Instructor Pilot, 966th AACS Tinker AFB, OK
8. June 2014 – October 2015, Assistant Director of Operations, 964th AACS, Tinker AFB, OK
9. Feb 2012 – June 2014, International Military Education Training Officer, U.S. Embassy, Muscat Oman
10. Nov 2009 – Feb 2012, RC-135 Aircraft Commander, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
11. July 2010 – August 2010, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. June 2009 – Nov 2009, Student, RC-135V/W initial qualification training, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
13. March 2008 – June 2009, E-3 Aircraft Commander, 963d AACS Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
14. June 2006 – Sept 2006, Executive Officer 376th Operations Group Manas AB, Kyrgyz Republic
15. October 2004 – May 2005, Student, E-3 initial qualification training, Tinker AFB, OK
16. September 2003 – October 2004, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus AFB, MS
17. May 2003 – September 2003 – Administration officer, Arizona State University, AZ

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

AF Outstanding Unit Award

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2007 Air Combat Command Aircrew Safety Award of Distinction

2008 552nd ACW Aircrew Safety Award of Distinction

2008 8th Air Force Flight line driving safety award

2009 552nd ACW ABM Combat Crew of the year

2010 763 ERS Combat Pilot of the deployment

2018 Dr. Mary Edwards Walker leadership writing award

2019 CAP Nebraska Gen Richard L. Anderson Wing Staff Member of the Year

2019 CAP Nebraska Colonel David Kantor Operations Staff Officer of the Year

2020 General Mark A. Welsh III One Air Force Award, Installation Level

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 2003

First Lieutenant May 28, 2005

Captain May 28, 2007

Major October 1, 2013

Lt Col May 1, 2018

CAP Lt Col September 14, 2018

CAP Colonel March 6, 2021

(Current as of March 2021)