

# COLONEL JEFFREY NELSON

60th Air Mobility Wing Commander

Col. Jeffrey W. Nelson is the Commander, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California. As commander, he is responsible for the combined efforts of all wing operations and support activities associated with the worldwide air mobility mission. C-5M Super Galaxy, KC-10 Extender and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft participate in airlift and aerial refueling taskings, responding to Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed combat operations, and supporting U.S. State Department-sponsored humanitarian relief efforts worldwide. He is responsible for ensuring the readiness and well-being of more than 26,100 active duty, Reserve, civilian personnel and their families.

Colonel Nelson is a 1997 distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He has also earned a Master's Degree in Organizational Management from The George Washington University and a Master's Degree in Airpower Art and Science from the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies at Air University.

Colonel Nelson has an extensive background in the C-17A. He flew 135 combat sorties in Operations ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, FREEDOM's SENTINEL, and INHERENT RESOLVE logging more than 366 combat hours. He is a graduate of class 2005A of the C-17A Weapons Instructor Course and was the Commander of the 58th Airlift Squadron, the C-17 Formal Training Unit.

Colonel Nelson's staff assignments include time as a Strategic Planner at U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Florida, and as the Chief of the Strategy Division at the 607th Air Operations Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Commander, 628th Air Base Wing and Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina.

Colonel Nelson is a Command Pilot with over 4,100 flight hours in the C-17A, T-1A, and T-37B.



# CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT DEREK CROWDER

60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief

Chief Master Sergeant Derek T. Crowder is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California. He is the primary advisor to the commander on matters concerning the morale, welfare, health and discipline of more than 4,100 enlisted men and women. The wing's assigned aircraft include the C-5M Super Galaxy, KC-10 Extender and C-17 Globemaster III. These airframes conduct air, land and aerial refueling taskings, responding to Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed combat operations, and support U.S. State Department-sponsored humanitarian relief efforts worldwide.

Chief Crowder grew up in Argenta, Illinois and entered the Air Force in January of 1994. His background includes various duties in Materiel Management at the unit and Major Command level. Throughout his career he has also filled roles outside of Materiel Management to include Airman Leadership Instructor and Flight Chief. He received a Master in Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama in 2017. Prior to his current position, he was the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

Previous assignments include installations in New Mexico, Illinois, Alaska, Alabama, Afghanistan and the Republic of Korea. He has deployed in support of Operations Deny Flight, Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.



# COLONEL RAYMOND KOZAK

349th Air Mobility Wing Commander

Col. Raymond A. Kozak is the commander of the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California. He leads the largest Reserve Associate Wing in the Air Force, which provides combat ready crews and support for the C-17 Globemaster III, C-5 Galaxy, and KC-10 Extender aircraft. The wing also provides mission-ready Airmen in agile combat support and medical specialties to fulfill expeditionary joint war-fighting requirements.

Colonel Kozak was commissioned in the Air Force through the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1983. He began his active-duty Air Force career with Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, graduating in 1984. Seven years later, Colonel Kozak joined the New Jersey Air National Guard and worked in the civilian industry as a manufacturing associate for a pharmaceutical company. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 1995 and has supported Operations Allied Force, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Freedom's Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. He is a command pilot with more than 6,400 flying hours and has served as an air expeditionary wing commander overseas in support of Operation Unified Protector. Colonel Kozak served as the director of Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, California, and prior to his current position, he was the commander of the 512th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.



## CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES BURMEISTER

349th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief

Chief Master Sergeant James "Jimmy" Burmeister is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Reserve Command's 349th Air Mobility Wing located at Travis Air Force Base, California. As Command Chief Master Sergeant, he is responsible for advising the commander on mission effectiveness, professional development, military readiness, training, utilization, health, morale, and welfare of the largest Air Force Reserve Associate Wing in the nation. Chief Burmeister is a native of Roseville, Calif. He began his enlistment in the Air Force in December 1993. He has served on several statuses to include Active Duty, Drill Status Guardsman, Traditional Reservist and Individual Mobilization Augmentee. Chief Burmeister has been activated and mobilized to Baghdad in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Before assuming his current position, he served as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. In his civilian capacity, Chief Burmeister owns and operates an electrical engineering firm employing twenty-three professionals. Chief Burmeister also maintains a second business as a joint venture in the Operations and Maintenance of a Hydro-Electric Power Plant in the Northern California Foothills.



# COLONEL JAMES HALL

621st Contingency Response Wing Commander

Colonel James B. Hall is the commander of the 621st Contingency Response Wing, headquartered at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, with additional forces stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California, and at twenty Army and Marine Corps installations worldwide. The wing consists of two contingency response groups and one air mobility advisory group which deploy Airmen to provide theater-wide air mobility command and control, airbase opening, airfield assessments, contingency load planning and air mobility liaison with joint partners, and air mobility advising with international partners. Every day, the wing's lean force of 1,500 Airmen deploy across the globe to advise, direct and project airpower from the ground up.

Colonel Hall entered the Air Force in 1996 after receiving his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy. Colonel Hall has flown as an instructor aircraft commander in the KC-10 and C-17 and a primary instructor pilot in the T-37 and T-1. He commanded the 48th Flying Training Squadron at Columbus AFB Mississippi. Colonel Hall served a staff tour at the Pentagon as a Tanker Requirements Branch Chief, Executive Officer and Airpower Strategist. At McChord Air Force Base Washington, Colonel Hall served as Chief of the Wing Commander's Action Group, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Detachment Commander, and 10th Airlift Squadron Assistant Operations Officer. While stationed at McGuire Air Force Base New Jersey, his duties included 305th Wing Executive Officer, Deputy Director of Wing Current Operations, and Squadron Scheduling. During his time at Columbus Air Force Base Mississippi, he was 41st Flying Training Squadron Executive Officer, Assistant Flight Commander and primary flight training instructor.



# CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT DAVID ABELL

621st Contingency Response Wing Command Chief

Chief Master Sergeant David M. Abell is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 621st Contingency Response Wing, headquartered at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey with additional forces stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California and at various Army and Marine Corps installations worldwide. He advises the commander and senior leadership on military readiness, mission effectiveness and professional development while providing assessments on operational matters. The wing deploys teams of versatile, mobility Airmen disciplined to solve problems in complex environments. Past operations include mobility planning for air support over Libya, distribution of humanitarian aid in Haiti following a devastating hurricane, initial airbase openings in Iraq and Syria, and multiple building partner capacity engagements in Africa, Central America and South America. The wing's lean force of 1,500 contingency response and mobility advisory Airmen mobilize the fight, provide relief, and advance the peace.

Chief Abell grew up in Great Mills, Maryland, and entered the Air Force in December 1992. His background includes numerous leadership roles at squadron, group and MAJCOM levels. He has been stationed at locations in Maryland, Germany, Arizona, Virginia, a Data Masked location, Washington State, and the United Kingdom. He has worked a variety of duties in Material Management. Additionally, he has deployed to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Iraq in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

