



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL S. GALLAGHER

Colonel Michael Gallagher is the Inspector General for Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii. He is responsible for the operational readiness and conducting unit effectiveness inspections on thirteen wings throughout PACAF. Additionally, he is responsible for providing oversight and guidance to 3 NAFS and 9 Wings on the complaint resolution program as well as the Fraud, Waste and Abuse program under the direction of Congressional, DoD, and Secretary of the Air Force authority.

Colonel Gallagher grew up in Boise, Idaho and graduated from Boise State University in 1998, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History. He was commissioned through the Air Force Officer Training School in 2000, and then graduated from Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training in 2001. Most recently, Col Gallagher was the commander of the 23d Mission Support Group at Moody Air Force Base, GA. His group of six squadrons executed an annual budget in excess of \$24M and maintained a \$1.8B installation with 961 facilities and more than 117K acres, including adjacent bombing and strafing ranges, drop and landing zones in support of A-10C, HC-130J, HH-60W, and Guardian Angel forces as well as a tenant base defense group.



Previously Col Gallagher was dual hatted as Vice Director and J-58 Division Chief at the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency. He was also the 347th Operations Support Squadron Director of Operations and Commander and has also served as a deployed HC-130 Detachment Commander on two separate occasions. Prior to squadron command he was assigned to the Headquarters United States Air Force in both the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs and the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.. There he was responsible for integrating programmatic inputs representing over \$115B across the Future Years Defense Program (FYDP) and later a lead Air Force integrator of PR operations, policy, and doctrine while managing Air Force oversight of fixed-wing and rotary-wing Rescue aircraft operations to include HC-130P/N/J and HH-60G.

EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Arts, History, Boise State University
- 2000 Officer Training School
- 2001 Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Academic Excellence Award
- 2005 Squadron Officer School (Residence)
- 2007 Master of Science in International Relations, Troy University
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College (Non-Residence)
- 2012 US Army Command and General Staff College (Residence)
- 2015 Air War College (Non-Residence)
- 2021 Joint Professional Military Education II, Mary Edwards Walker Distinguished Writing Award

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2000 – Apr 2001, Navigator Student, 562 FTS, Randolph AFB, TX.
2. Apr 2001 – Aug 2002, EC-130E Navigator/Assistant Flight CC, 42 ACCS, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
3. Aug 2002 – May 2005, HC-130P Navigator/Resource Advisor, 79 RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
4. Nov 2005 – May 2006, HC-130P Instructor Navigator/Chief of Weapons and Tactics Flight, 79 RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
5. May 2006 – Aug 2006, HC-130P Instructor Navigator/Assistant Flight Commander, 71 RQS, Moody AFB, GA.
6. Aug 2006 – Jan 2008, HC-130P Evaluator Navigator/Assistant Wing Executive Officer, 23 WG, Moody AFB, GA.
7. Jan 2008 – Mar 2009, HC-130P Evaluator Navigator/Chief, HC-130 Standardizations and Evaluations, 347 RQG, Moody AFB, GA.
8. Mar 2009 – Jun 2011, HC-130P Evaluator Navigator/Assistant Director of Operations, 71 RQS, Moody AFB, GA.
9. Jun 2011 – Jun 2012, Student, US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.
10. Jun 2012 – Sep 2013, Chief of Personnel Recovery Programs, Directorate of Programs, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Planning and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. Sep 2013 – Aug 2014, Executive Officer, Directorate of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
12. Aug 2014 – July 2015, Chief of Personnel Recovery Aviation, Current Operations, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2015 – Aug 2016, Director of Operations, 347 OSS, Moody AFB, GA.
14. Aug 2016 – July 2018, Commander, 347 OSS, Moody AFB, GA.
15. Aug 2018 – June 2021, J-58 Div Chief, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA.
16. Jun 2021 – June 2022, Vice Director, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA.
17. Jun 2022 – July 2024, Commander, 23 MSG, Moody AFB, GA.
18. Jul 2024 – Present, Inspector General, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, JBPHH, HI.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Combat Systems Officer

Flight Hours: Nearly 2,200 hours of flight time and over 150 hours of combat and support time Aircraft

Flown: T-43, EC-130E, EC-130H, C-130E, MC-130P, HC-130P and HC-130J.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 2000

First Lieutenant May 2002

Captain May 2004

Major Dec 2009

Lieutenant Colonel Dec 2015

Colonel Dec 2021

(Current as of July 2024)