



# BIOGRAPHY

*UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL ZACHARY R. MASON

Lt Col Zachary Mason is the Director, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. As Director, Lt Col Mason directly supports the Pacific Air Forces Commander as advisor on strategic decisions to Headquarters Air Force, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and thirty-six ally and partner nations. He helps to integrate the Air Component staff to provide synchronized actions for the Commander's strategic communication, aligning the Pacific Air Forces' vision with senior leaders, three Numbered Air Forces, ten Wings and forty-six thousand Airmen. Additionally, Lt Col Mason manages Pacific Air Force's Federal and State Congressional visits and inquires, General Officer strategic calendars, and senior leader speaking engagements.

Lieutenant Colonel Mason, a native of Whitehall, New York, graduated from Siena College in 2008. He was commissioned the same year as a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Throughout his career, he has served in a variety of Financial Management positions at the Wing, Major Command, and Secretary of the Air Force levels, as well as deployed locations.



### EDUCATION:

- 2008 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Siena College, Albany, N.Y.
- 2008 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Master's Degree in Business Administration, Trident University, Cyprus, Cal.
- 2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Financial Management Staff Officer Course, Keesler AFB, Miss
- 2019 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2021 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2024 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 2008 - July 2011, Financial Analysis Flight Commander, 96th Comptroller Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. (December 2010 - June 2011, Project Manager, USFOR-A J9 Civil Military Affairs, Kabul, Afghanistan)
2. June 2011 - July 2014, Chief of Budget and Wing Executive Officer, Financial Analysis Flight, 377th Comptroller Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M. (December 2012-June 2013, Aide-de Camp, Rule of Law Field Force, Kabul, Afghanistan)
3. August 2014 – July 2017, Budget Analyst, Headquarters Air Combat Command Financial Management, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. (April 2016 - October 2016, Special Funds Manager, Special Operations Joint Task Force, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan)
4. August 2017 – October 2018, Deputy Director, Accounting Policy and Procedure, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Management and Comptroller, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Va.
5. November 2018 – June 2020, Chief, Data & Emerging Systems Branch, Air Force Budget Programs, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
6. July 2020 – June 2021, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. July 2021 – June 2023, Commander, 15th Comptroller Squadron, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hi.
8. June 2023 – May 2024, Chief, Budget Operations Branch, HQ Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hi.
9. June 2024 – present, Director, Commander's Action Group, HQ Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hi.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Bronze Star  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Army Achievement Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Medal  
NATO Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant May 28, 2008  
First Lieutenant May 28, 2010  
Captain May 28, 2012  
Major Mar. 1, 2018  
Lieutenant Colonel Sep 1, 2022

**PUBLICATIONS:**

"Preparing the Battlespace: The Potential for Conventional War Between the US and China," Wild Blue Yonder, Air University Press, January 2022

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