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## COLONEL ALBERT F. BURNETT

Colonel Albert “Al” F. Burnett is the System Program Director for the Human Systems Program Office, 311th Human Systems Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Brooks City-Base, Texas. He controls a \$1.7 billion portfolio and leads a 350-person program office and a 2,000-person industry team to develop, deploy and sustain life support, crew escape, chemical, nuclear and biological defense and aeromedical equipment. The program office’s primary mission is to protect the United States and allied warfighters.

Colonel Burnett was born into the military in Fort Worth Texas, while his father, now a retired Air force officer, was stationed at Carswell Air Force Base. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program in 1976. As an Air Force officer, his responsibilities have included navigator, radar navigator, flight test navigator/bombardier and chief flight test instructor evaluator navigator/bombardier for the B-52G/H Stratofortress. Colonel Burnett has served as the Deputy Director of Test and Evaluation at the Advanced Cruise Missile (ACM) System Program Office and the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Integration Systems Program Office.

In 1992, Colonel Burnett was assigned to the On-Site Inspection Agency (OSIA), Washington, D.C. as the first Open Skies Treaty Mission Commander. During his last year with OSIA, he assumed the duties of deputy commander, monitoring operations. In this position, he was responsible for 120 personnel and an annual budget of over \$16 million conducting the daily United States on-site continuous monitoring of Russian and Ukrainian missile production. In 1995, Colonel Burnett was assigned as the Deputy Commander of the 70<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, Brooks AFB. He was responsible for an organization comprised of more than 750 military and civilian personnel and for managing an operations and maintenance budget in excess of \$28 million. Colonel Burnett is a fully-qualified aircraft maintenance officer, supply operations officer, acquisition officer and master navigator who has more than 2,000 hours in the T-37, T-43, B-52G/H, F-106B, C-5A, C-130B/E, OC-135B, CV-580, and the Soviet built AN-30.

## EDUCATION

1976 Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Texas A&M University, Texas  
1977 Squadron Officers School, Correspondence  
1986 Master’s degree in Business Administration, Webster University, Mo.  
1990 Air Command and Staff College, Seminar and In-residence  
1994 Armed Forces Staff College, In-residence  
1999 Air War College, Correspondence and In-residence  
2000 Master’s degree in Strategic Studies, Air University, Ala.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

February 1977 – March 1977, student, supply operations officer school, Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.  
March 1977 – April 1979, Officer-in-Charge, Materiel Control, 727<sup>th</sup> Tactical Control Squadron, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas  
May 1979 – December 1979, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.  
December 1979 - May 1980, Student, Navigator Bombardier Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.  
May 1980 – October 1980, Student, B52H Combat Crew Training, Castle Air Force Base, Calif. (distinguished graduate)  
October 1980 – July 1981, Navigator, B-52H, KI Sawyer Air Force Base, Mich.  
July 1981 – July 1982, Senior Flight Instructor Navigator, B-52H, KI Sawyer Air Force Base, Mich.  
July 1982 – April 1983, Radar Navigator Upgrade Training, B-52H, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.  
April 1983 – November 1984, Radar Navigator B-52H, KI Sawyer Air Force Base, Mich.  
December 1984 – September 1986, B-52 Flight Test Instructor Navigator Bombardier, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas  
October 1986 – August 1987, B-52 Flight Test Evaluator Navigator Bombardier, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas  
August 1987 – July 1989, Chief, B-52 Flight Test Evaluation Navigator Bombardier, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas  
August 1989 – May 1990, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
Jun 1990 – May 1992, Deputy Director Test and Evaluation, Advanced Cruise Missile Systems Program Office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio  
May 1992 – January 1995, Mission Commander, Open Skies Division, On-Site Inspection Agency, Washington D.C  
January 1995 – December 1995, Deputy Commander, Monitoring Operations, On-Site Inspection Agency, Washington D.C  
December 1995 – May 1998, Deputy Commander, 70<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas  
May 1998 – June 1999, Student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
Jun 1999 – May 2001, Chief, Intelligence and Information Warfare Systems, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.  
May 2001 – March 2002, Deputy Director for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Integration Systems Program Office, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.  
March 2002 – present, Systems Program Director, Human Systems Program Office, Brooks City-Base, Texas

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with second oak leaf cluster  
Air Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with first oak leaf cluster  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Combat Readiness Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with first oak leaf cluster

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant:	Feb. 11, 1977
First Lieutenant:	Feb. 11, 1979
Captain:	Feb. 11, 1981
Major:	April 1, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel:	Aug. 1, 1993
Colonel:	June 1, 1999

*(Current as of June 2002)*