



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW M. ANDREWS

Lt. Col. Matthew M. Andrews is the 496th Air Base Squadron and US Forces Installation Commander, Morón Air Base, Spain. He is the senior airfield authority (SAA) and base operations support-Integrator (BOS-I) for all U.S. personnel. Lt. Col. Andrews commands a total force of 605 military, civilian, and contracted personnel from across 35 career fields who operate and enable the Morón power-projection platform via installation functions including: Airfield Operations, Aerial Port, Civil Engineering, Communications, Contracting, Logistics, Finance, Force Support, Security Forces, Chaplain, and other functions. Currently, the base enables the Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response-Africa and Operation JUNIPER MICRON missions while partnering with the Spanish Air Force's 11th Wing, Unidad Militar de Emergencias, the Second Air Deployment Support Squadron, and additional transient operations

Lt. Col. Andrews received his commission upon graduation from Pennsylvania State University in 2004. He completed undergraduate navigator training in 2005 and served as an instructor and evaluator navigator in the C-130 Hercules. Lt. Col. Andrews is a June 2010 graduate of the USAF Weapons School where he also served three years on cadre. His participation in both combat and peacetime joint operations include Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, ASSURED DELIVERY, JOINT FORGE, DAMAYAN, SAHAYOGI HAAT, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT. Prior to his current position, Lt. Col. Andrews was the Director of Operations of the 621 Mobility Support Operations Squadron responsible for the worldwide operational employment of 51 Air Mobility Liaison Officers aligned with Army, Marine and Special Operations units.



Lt. Col. Andrews is a senior navigator with 2,500 hours in the C-130 and T-1.

EDUCATION

2004 Bachelor of Science, Crime, Law, and Justice, The Pennsylvania State University, State College

2010 C-130 Weapons Instructor Course, USAF Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 Master of Science, Operations Management, The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

2016 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2016 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2018 Air Mobility Liaison Qualification Course, Expeditionary Operations School, Scott AFB, Ill.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2004 – April 2005, Student Navigator, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

2. May 2005 – Nov. 2005, Student Navigator, C-130 Formal Training Unit, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. Dec. 2005 – Nov. 2008, Assistant Chief of Stan/Eval/Evaluator Navigator C-130, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
4. Dec. 2008 – Nov. 2010, Tactics Flight Commander/FTU Evaluator, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. Dec. 2010 – Aug. 2013, Joint Forcible Entry Project Officer/Weapons Officer Cadre, 29th Weapons Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. Aug. 2013 – July 2015, Assistant Director of Operations/Weapons Officer, 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan
7. July 2015 – June 2016, IDE Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. June 2016 – June 2018, Chief of Combat Systems Officer Program Branch, Undergraduate Flying Training Division, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command A3/10, JBSA-Randolph, Texas
9. June 2018 – July 2019, Director of Operations, 621st Mobility Support Operations Squadron, JB MDL, N.J.
9. July 2019 – Pres., Commander, 496th Air Base Squadron and US Forces Installation, Morón AB, Spain.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: senior navigator

Flight Hours: 2,500

Aircraft Flown: C-130E/H/H2/H3 and T-1A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with 1 oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device with 3 oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

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

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 14, 2004

First Lieutenant May 14, 2006

Captain May 14, 2008

Major Oct 1, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel Apr 1, 2019

(Current as of Aug 2019)