



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL KRISTEN L. KENT

Lieutenant Colonel Kristen L. Kent is an aviation instruction subject matter expert assigned to the 340th Flying Training Group headquarters staff at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.

Previously, she served as the commander, 39th Flying Training Squadron, 340th Flying Training Group, JBSA-Randolph, where for two years she was responsible for the success of the Air Education and Training Command/Air Force Reserve Command Reserve Instructor Pilot Program for the 39th FTS, which trains and provides experienced pilots to augment Air Education and Training Command's instructor pilot force. The 39th Flying Training Squadron is comprised of 93 instructor pilots flying over 6,039 training sorties in the T-38, T-6, and T-1 aircraft. The 39th FTS reports to 340th Flying Training Group (Air Force Reserve Command) during peacetime and to the 12th Flying Training Wing (Air Education and Training Command) in the event of mobilization. Colonel Kent is also responsible for more than 90 military and civilian personnel supporting JBSA-Randolph's undergraduate pilot training mission.



Colonel Kent earned her commission as a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, in 1996. She is a distinguished graduate of Squadron Officers School and completed the Air Command and Staff College distance learning master's program with highest academic distinction. She transitioned to the Air Force Reserve in 2005. She has been assigned to multiple combat and training squadrons throughout her career, filling key leadership, instructor and evaluator positions at each assignment.

Colonel Kent graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas in 1997 as Top Academic Graduate. Upon completion of pilot training, she was a Distinguished Graduate of the F-15C Basic Operational Training Course. She was then assigned as an F-15C fighter pilot, 390th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. In 1999, she deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as an integral member of the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing in the F-15C. She executed critical missions in support of Operation Southern Watch, ensuring air superiority over southern Iraq. Following deployment, she earned Distinguished Graduate honors from pilot instructor training prior to being assigned to the 25th FTS, Vance AFB, Okla. During that time, she served as chief of wing programming and T-38 wing programmer.

From 2003-2005, Colonel Kent was assigned to the 560th FTS, JBSA-Randolph, Texas, where she was a T-38C PIT instructor, standardization and evaluation flight examiner, and special assistant to the commander. She was later selected as an executive officer for the Reserve associate 100th FTS, JBSA-Randolph, Texas, which transitioned to the 39th FTS in 2007. During her time in the Reserves, she has served as executive officer, T-38 pilot instructor training instructor pilot, assistant flight commander, assistant director of operations, and squadron commander.

### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science in Psychology, United States Air Force Academy, Distinguished Graduate  
1997 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Top Academic Graduate  
1998 Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals  
1998 F-15C Basic Operational Training Course, Distinguished Graduate  
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL, Squadron Outstanding Graduate  
2009 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence  
2010 Master of Military Operational Arts/Science, Highest Academic Distinction

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1996 - October 1997, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas (Academic Excellence Award)
2. October 1997- February 1998, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, 560th Flying Training Squadron, JBSA-Randolph (then Randolph AFB), Texas
3. February 1998 - August 1998, Student, F-15C Basic Operation Training Course, 1st Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla. (Distinguished Graduate)
4. August 1998 - February 2001, F-15C Pilot, 390th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
5. February 2001 - June 2001, PIT Student, 560th FTS, JBSA-Randolph (then Randolph AFB), Texas (Distinguished Graduate)
6. June 2001 - October 2003, Chief, Wing Programming, T-38 Wing Programmer, T-38 IP, 25th FTS/71st Operations Support Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
7. October 2003 - December 2005, Stan/Eval Flight Examiner, Special Assistant to the Commander, Executive Officer, T-38 PIT IP, 560th FTS, JBSA-Randolph (then Randolph AFB), Texas
8. December 2005 - December 2018, Assistant Director of Operations, Assistant Flight Commander, T-38 PIT IP, T-38 PIT student (Distinguished Graduate), Executive Officer, T-38 PIT IP, 100/39 FTS JBSA-Randolph, Texas
9. December 2018 - August 2020, Commander, 39th Flying Training Squadron, JBSA-Randolph, Texas
10. August 2020 - Present, aviation instruction SME, Headquarters 340th Flying Training Group, JBSA-Randolph, Texas

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 2,239

Aircraft Flown: T-38C, T-38A, F-15C/D

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

AF Outstanding Unit Award with 8 oak leaf clusters

AF Organizational Excellence Award

National Defense Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

AF Longevity Service with 5 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Special Duty Ribbon

AF Training Ribbon

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant 29 May 1996

First Lieutenant 29 May 1998

Captain 29 May 2007

Major 29 May 2007

Lieutenant Colonel 01 Oct 2013

**(Current as of December 2020)**