



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL JOHN D. CINNAMON

Colonel John “Toast” Cinnamon is Commander, 71st Operations Group, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. He supervises all flying activities for the 71st Flying Training Wing as it conducts specialized undergraduate pilot training for more than 400 U.S. Air Force and allied student pilots each year. The group operates more than 200 aircraft, flies more than 55,000 sorties annually, and logs more than 80,000 flying hours each year.

Col Cinnamon was born in Seattle, Washington and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in May 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Sciences. He then earned a master’s degree in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin in 1992. Upon the completion of pilot training in 1993, Col Cinnamon flew the C-5 Galaxy until 1997. He then returned to the USAF Academy to teach Astronautical Engineering and Introductory Flight Training in the T-3 from 1997 to 1999.

Col Cinnamon served as a T-38 Instructor/Evaluator Pilot for the U-2 program (Beale AFB) from 1999 until 2003. He then was selected for Intermediate Developmental Education in the Doctorate Program at the Air Force Institute of Technology. Upon earning a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering in 2006, Col Cinnamon was sent to Laughlin AFB to fly the T-1 and serve as the Operations Officer and then Commander of the 86th Flying Training Squadron. After his tour at Laughlin he was selected for Senior Developmental Education at the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He then served as the Director of Plans at the US Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction/Defense Threat Reduction Agency, where he was the lead planner for the Office of the Secretary of Defense Syria Integration Group. Col Cinnamon currently serves as the 71st Operation Group Commander at Vance AFB, OK.



### EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Sciences, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado.
- 1992 Master of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, Texas.
- 1996 Squadron Officers School In-Residence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
- 2002 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence.
- 2006 Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Aerospace Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
- 2008 Air War College, Correspondence.
- 2012 Master of Science Degree in Joint Campaign Planning & Strategy, National Defense University, Joint Forces Staff College, VA

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1991 – September 1992, Master’s Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
2. October 1992 – October 1993, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas.

3. November 1993 – January 1997, C-5 Pilot/Aircraft Commander/Chief, Squadron Safety, Dover AFB, Delaware.
4. February 1997 – January 1999, T-3 Instructor Pilot/Astronautical Engineering Instructor, US Air Force Academy, Colorado.
5. January 1999 – October 2001, T-38 Instructor Pilot/Evaluator Pilot/Life Support Officer, Beale AFB, California.
6. October 2001 – June 2002, Asst Director of Operations, 9th Operations Support Squadron/T-38 Evaluator, Beale AFB, California.
7. June 2002 - July 2003, Director of Operations Support, Operations Support Squadron/T-38 Evaluator, Beale AFB, California.
8. August 2003 – June 2006, Intermediate Developmental Education/Doctorate of Philosophy, Aerospace Engineering Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
9. November 2006 – June 2011, Operations Officer & Commander, T-1 Evaluator, 86th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
10. July 2011 – June 2012, Senior Developmental Education, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
11. June 2012 – June 2014, Chief of Plans, USSTRATCOM Center for Combating WMD, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Ft. Belvoir, VA.
12. June 2014 – Present, Commander, 71st Operations Group, Vance AFB, OK.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: 4,200

Aircraft flown: T-1, T-3, T-37, T-38, C-5

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Secretary of Defense Group Achievement Award, 2014

National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation, 2014

Office of the Secretary of Defense (AT&L) Team of the Year, 2013

Defense Threat Reduction Agency Team of the Year, 2013

Distinguished Graduate, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, 2012

Professional Mechanical Engineer: Colorado-2011, Ohio-2005

AETC Defense Standardization Award Winner, 2008

Ivan B. Thompson Award, AF Institute of Tech (AFIT), 2006

Distinguished Graduate, USAF Squadron Officer's School, 1996

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 2 bronze stars

Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star

Humanitarian Service Medal with 2 bronze stars

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant            29 May 1991

First Lieutenant                29 May 1993

Captain                            29 May 1995

Major                                01 Mar 2002

Lieutenant Colonel            01 Feb 2007

Colonel                             01 Sep 2012

(Current as of November 2014)