



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lt Col John Parish graduated from Jackson High School in Jackson, Louisiana in 1974; received a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the Louisiana Tech University in 1980 and a Masters in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1988. He entered the Air Force in 1980 after an ROTC commission and immediately went to Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB, CA. His initial assignment was at Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas as a KC-135 Combat Crewmember and eventually the Chief of Flight Scheduling for the 96 BMW. His next assignment, in 1986, was as a CCTS instructor at Castle AFB, CA where he taught flightline and academics in the KC-135.

In 1989 Lt Col Parish was assigned to the Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Plant Representative Office, Boeing Louisiana, Lake Charles, Louisiana as a Test Flight Navigator. During this time he flight-tested over 300 KC-135s following Programmed Depot Maintenance with the Boeing Company. In 1991 he was assigned to the 8th Airborne Command & Control Squadron, 552 Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, OK, flying the EC-135K aircraft. During this tour, Lt Col Parish was the Operations Officer for the 8th ACCS. In this capacity he worked directly for the Commander, Air Combat Command and the Commander, United States Space Command providing airlift support for many worldwide missions.



In 1996 Lt Col Parish was reassigned to the Defense Contract Management Command in Dallas where he set up the flight operations office for DCMC Dallas. In this position, Lt Col Parish performed duties as the Government Flight Representative for seven major Defense contractors in the south central United States. He was transferred to the DCMA San Antonio office in 1999 where he again set up a new flight operations office to oversee not only his original contractors under the Dallas office but also the newly privatized Kelly AFB operations with the Boeing Company. In this position he commanded an Aviation Program Team of individuals from DCMA San Antonio and DCMA Dallas in the day-to-day administration of numerous aviation contracts in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

Lt Col Parish was next assigned to Headquarters Air Education and Training Command (AETC), Randolph AFB, TX. He was the Chief of the Distributed Mission Training Branch incorporating new education technologies into the classroom environment throughout AETC. He remained in this position until his retirement from the Air Force on November 1, 2005 after 25 years of service.

Lt Col Parish became an AFJROTC Aerospace Science Instructor at Destrehan High School, LA-932, AFJROTC in September 2005. There he taught JROTC classes to a cadet wing of over 230 cadets in the New Orleans area. Lt Col Parish assumed his current position as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Flower Mound High School, TX-20011 in July 2006.

EDUCATION:

- 1980 Bachelor's degree, Geography, Louisiana Tech University, LA
- 1988 Master's degree, Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle University, FL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1980 - May 1981, student, graduate from Undergraduate Navigator and Advanced Navigation Training, Mather AFB, CA.
2. May 1981 . Oct 1981, student, %Distinguished Graduate+, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School (CCTS), Castle AFB, CA
3. Oct 1981 . March 1986, KC-135 navigator, instructor navigator, Chief, 96 BMW KC-135 Scheduling
4. March 1986 . March 1989, Flightline/Academic Instructor KC-135 CCTS, Castle AFB, CA
5. March 1989 . Oct 1991, Test Flight Navigator, DLA, Boeing Louisiana, Lake Charles, LA
6. Oct 1991 . Sept 1996, EC/C-135K/E Instructor Navigator, Operations Officer, 8th Airborne Command & Control Squadron (8th ACCS), 552 ACW, Tinker AFB, OK
7. Sept 1996 . May 1999, Government Flight Representative (GFR) DCMA Dallas, TX
8. May 1999 . Aug 2002, Government Flight Representative (GFR) DCMA San Antonio, TX
9. Aug 2002 . Nov 1, 2005, Chief, Distributed Mission Training, HQ AETC, Randolph AFB, TX

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Commercial Pilot: Multi-engine, single-engine land, instrument airplane

Military Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: More than 3,600

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-3, T-43, C-135E, EC-135K, KC-135A, D, E, R, Q, in addition to numerous civilian aircraft

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Joint Service Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

- Second Lieutenant, May 1980
- First Lieutenant, May 1982
- Captain, October 1984
- Major, 1 November 1992
- Lieutenant Colonel, 1 November 1997

(Current as of May 2009)