

Colonel Craig D. Christman, USAF (retired)

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor and Department Chair

Colonel Craig D. Christman is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor and Department Chair for the Flower Mound High School Air Force Junior ROTC(AFJROTC), program. His responsibilities include all aspects of the AFJROTC Aerospace Science, Leadership and Wellness curriculum, co-curricular activities and budget. He became an AFJROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor in July 2006, opening a new unit, TX-20064, at Byron P. Steele II High School in Cibolo, Texas. He assumed his present position at Flower Mound High School in August 2010.



Colonel Christman graduated from Samuel Clemens High School in Schertz, Texas in 1972 and received his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Political Science from Texas Tech University in 1976 and his Masters of Arts in Business Administration from Webster University in 1986. He received his commission in the Air Force in 1976 through the Texas Tech University AFROTC program and earned his navigator wings at Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA. His career has encompassed a variety of operational flying assignments including combat support missions and drug interdiction support missions plus tours as a squadron commander, the Air Mobility Command Inspector General team and as a NATO air staff planner and community commander. He's also taught at the USAF Undergraduate Navigator Training School, USAF Squadron Officer School, and the Air War College. His last assignment was as the Director, Corporate Planning and Communications for the Army & Air Force Exchange Service. He is a Master Navigator with more than 2,600 hours flying experience the KC-135A/R, T-43A, and T-37. He retired from the Air Force in August 2010 with almost 29 years active duty service.

EDUCATION:

- 1976 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science ó Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 1980 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1985 Marine Corps Command and General Staff College, Quantico, VA
- 1986 Master of Arts, Business Administration ó Webster University, St Louis, MO
- 1988 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1996 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS/EMPLOYMENT:

- 2010 - Present Department Chair & Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, Flower Mound High School, Flower Mound, TX
- 2006 - 2010 Department Chair & Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, Byron P. Steele II High School, Cibolo, TX
- 2005 - 2006 Preparation for AFJROTC
- 2002 - 2005 Director, Corporate Planning/Communications, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (USAF), Dallas, TX
- 2000 - 2002 Professor, Air War College, Air University, USAF Montgomery, AL
- 1998 - 2000 Chief, Movements/Community Commander, Reaction Forces Air Staff -North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Kalkar, Germany
- 1994 - 1998 Assistant Division Chief/Branch Chief, Air Mobility Command Inspector General Team, USAF, Scott AFB, IL
- 1989 - 1994 Commander/Operations Officer/Chief, Plans Division, USAF, Altus, Oklahoma
- 1985 - 1989 Section Commander/Instructor/Curriculum Manager, Air University USAF, Montgomery, AL
- 1982 - 1985 Instructor/Assistant Flight Commander, Air Training Command, USAF, Sacramento, CA
- 1978 - 1982 KC-135 Navigator/Instructor Navigator, Wichita, KS
- 1977 - 1978 Student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, USAF, Merced, CA
- 1976 - 1977 Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, USAF, Sacramento, CA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

- Legion of Merit
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- Aerial Achievement Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and three oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with three oak leaf clusters
- Army Meritorious Unit Award
- Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- National Defense Medal with star
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with two stars
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Kuwaiti Liberation Medal