



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JUAN C SALAZAR

Lieutenant Colonel Juan C. Salazar is the Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 510, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M. In this capacity, he is responsible for training and equipping cadets to commission as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force. Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Salazar monitors the cadets' academic progress throughout their chosen program of study

Previously, he served as the Operations Officer at the 58th Operations Support Squadron, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, NM. The Wing trains and professionalizes 16,000 aircrew annually for national nuclear security support, combat rescue squadrons, and special operations forces operating HC-130J Combat King II, MC-130J Commando II, CV-22B Osprey, UH-1N Huey, HH-60G Pave Hawk, and TH-1H Huey II aircraft.



Lt Col Salazar, originally from Torrance, Calif., received his commission as a second lieutenant upon completing Reserve Officer Training Corps at the Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Calif., in 2004. He attended California State University Dominguez Hills where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a minor in sociology. He completed pilot training in 2006 and is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in the T-37, T-44, C-130E/H/J, MC-130P and MC-130J.

EDUCATION

- 2004 Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology, California State University Dominguez Hills, Carson, Calif.
- 2006 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Master of Aeronautical Science degree in aviation management and safety, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 2016 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2004 – July 2005, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. July 2005 – February 2006, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Training Squadron 31, Naval Air Training Command, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas
3. February 2006 – December 2006, student pilot, 714th Training Squadron, Air Education Training Center, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
4. December 2006 – December 2008, mobility officer and tactics officer; 39th Airlift Squadron, Air Mobility Command, Dyess AFB, Texas
5. December 2008 – July 2009, student pilot, 58th Special Operations Wing Formal School, Air Education Training Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
6. July 2009 – August 2012, Deputy Flight Commander, Current Operations Flight Commander, and Aircraft Commander, 67th Special Operations Squadron, 352nd Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.
7. August 2012 – August 2014, Chief of Flight Safety, instructor pilot, 17th Special Operations Squadron, 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.

8. August 2014 – December 2014, Chief of Safety, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component-Afghanistan, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan
9. December 2014 – July 2016, Assistant Director of Operations, Chief of Flight Safety, 17th Special Operations Squadron, 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
10. July 2016 – May 2019, Chief, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
11. May 2019 – October 2019, Assistant Director of Operations. 415 Special Operations Squadron, 58 Special Operations Group, Kirtland AFB, NM
12. October 2019 – February 2020, Deputy Group Commander, 405 Expeditionary Air Group, 455 Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan
13. February 2020 – July 2020, Assistant Director of Operations. 415 Special Operations Squadron, 58 Special Operations Group, Kirtland AFB, NM
14. July 2020 – June 2021, Assistant Director of Operations. 58 Training Squadron, 58 Special Operations Group, Kirtland AFB, NM
15. June 2021 – July 2022, Operations Officer. 58 Operational Support Squadron, 58 Special Operations Group, Kirtland AFB NM
16. July 2022 – Present, Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 510, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-44, C-130E, C-130H, MC-130P, C-130J, MC-130J

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with silver oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Air Force Longevity Service three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Training Ribbon

Non Article 5 NATO Medal (Afghanistan)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 2004

First Lieutenant June 2, 2006

Captain June 2, 2008

Major Oct. 1, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2019