



## LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH E. SOLANO

Lt Col Joseph Solano is the commander of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and Chair of Aerospace Studies at Detachment 845 Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth, Texas. He is responsible for recruiting and overseeing the preparation of Department of the Air Force officer candidates through a comprehensive college program for seven participating colleges and universities in and around Fort Worth.

Lt Col Solano entered the United States Air Force (USAF) in July 2005 through the AFROTC program at Baylor University. Lt Col Solano is a career Space Operations officer and has served at a variety of positions at the Squadron, Group, Center, and Numbered Air Force levels to include a deployment supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2020, Lt Col Solano transferred into the United States Space Force (USSF) and was hand selected as part of the initial cadre to stand up the Enterprise Talent Management Office (ETMO) co-located with the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC). The ETMO is the first of its kind unified talent management office responsible for the development of all Guardians in the Space Force. Prior to his current position, Lt Col Solano was the Chief, Military Accessions, ETMO, JBSA-Randolph, Texas.



## EDUCATION

- 2005 Bachelor of Science, Biology, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2009 Master of Science, Healthcare Management, Troy University, Troy, AL
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2014 Marine Corps Command and Staff College (Distance Learning)
- 2019 Master of Military Arts and Science, Command General Staff College, Leavenworth, KS
- 2023 Air Command and Staff College (Distance Learning)

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2005 – September 2005, Student, Space 100, 381 Training Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB), CA
2. September 2005 – January 2006, Space IQT (MILSTAR), 381 Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, CA
3. January 2006 – January 2007, Space System Operator, 4<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
4. January 2007 – January 2008, Ground Engineer, 4<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
5. January 2008 – January 2009, Instructor, 50<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
6. January 2009 – April 2010, Senior Evaluator, 50<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, Schriever AFB, CO
7. April 2010 – June 2011, Mission Director, Aerospace Data Facility-Southwest, Las Cruces, NM
8. June 2011 – June 2012, Chief, Training, Aerospace Data Facility-Southwest, Las Cruces, NM
9. June 2012 – September 2012, Operations Flt/CC, Aerospace Data Facility-Southwest, Las Cruces, NM
10. September 2012 – April 2013, CENTCOM DIRSPACEFOR Staff, Southwest Asia
11. April 2013 – September 2013, Group Executive Officer, Aerospace Data Facility-Southwest, Las Cruces, NM
12. September 2013 – September 2014, Space Assignments Officer, Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC), JBSA-Randolph AFB, TX





13. September 2014 – June 2016, Chief, Space Assignments Team, AFPC, JBSA-Randolph AFB, TX
14. June 2016 – June 2017, IDE Student, Command General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
15. June 2017 – March 2019, Operations Officer, National Space Defense Center, Schriever AFB, CO
16. March 2019 – December 2020, Chief, Space Talent Management, AFPC, JBSA-Randolph, TX
17. December 2020 – April 2023, Chief, Guardian Employment Division, ETMO, JBSA-Randolph, TX
18. April 2023 – July 2024, Chief, Military Accessions, ETMO, JBSA-Randolph, TX

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Armed Forces Services Medal  
Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

*Second Lieutenant June 13, 2005*  
*First Lieutenant June 13, 2007*  
*Captain June 13, 2009*  
*Major January 1, 2016*  
*Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2020*

(Current as of July 2024)

