



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES L. MCMULLEN

Lieutenant Colonel Charles “Tron” McMullen is the Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 005 at Auburn University. He serves as head of the university’s Aerospace Studies department, instructs senior courses on national security affairs and airpower history, supervises six faculty and staff member, and has overall responsibility for training and mentoring more than 100 students preparing to become Air Force officers. His previous assignment was as a student at the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.

Lieutenant Colonel McMullen received his commission as a Reserve Officer Training Corps Distinguished Graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida with a bachelor’s degree in Engineering Physics. He received the Flying Training Award at Helicopter Undergraduate Pilot Training. After two operational assignments he attended the United States Naval Test Pilot School and transitioned to the Acquisition Workforce. He served in a variety of flying positions in Air Combat Command as an HH-60G Rescue Pilot Flight Examiner and in Air Force Material Command as a CV-22 Test Pilot Flight Examiner. He also served on the Air Staff as a Program Element Monitor and Deputy Division Chief.



As a Command Pilot with over 2,300 flight hours in over 20 different aircraft, Lt Col McMullen deployed seven times in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM that resulted in flying 491 combat hours and conducting over 160 career “saves” from personnel recovery missions in combat.

EDUCATION

- 2001 - Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 2008 - Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2010 - Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University World Wide Campus
- 2011 - United States Naval Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, Md.
- 2011 - Air Command and Staff College, in-residence equivalent credit
- 2016 - Test and Evaluation level III, Defense Acquisition University
- 2018 - Program Management level II, Defense Acquisition University
- 2020 - Master of Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2001 – April 2002, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. May 2002 – October 2002, Flying Training Award, Helicopter Undergraduate Pilot Training, Ft Rucker, Ala.
3. November 2002 – June 2003, Distinguished Graduate, HH-60G Mission Pilot Qualification, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
4. July 2003 – June 2007, Pilot, Chief of Plans, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
5. July 2007 – December 2010, Evaluator Pilot, Flight Commander/Assistant Operations Officer, Moody AFB, Ga.
6. January 2011 – December 2011, Student, United States Naval Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, Md.
7. January 2012 – June 2012, Student, MV-22 Qualification Course, MCAS New River, N.C.
8. July 2012 – March 2013, Student, CV-22 Mission Qualification Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
9. April 2013 – December 2014, Test Pilot, Assistant Operations Officer, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. January 2015 – March 2016, Evaluator/Test Pilot, Chief Group Standardization and Evaluations, Eglin AFB, Fla.
11. April 2016 – May 2018, Combat Search and Rescue Helicopter Program Element Monitor, Global Reach Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.

12. Jun 2018 – Jun 2019, Deputy Chief, Tactical Airlift, SOF and Trainers Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C
13. Jul 2019 – May 2020, Air War College Student, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. Jun 2020 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 005, Auburn University, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: more than 2,300

Aircraft Flown: T-37B, UH-1H, HH-60G, UH-60L, UH-72A, MV-22, CV-22, (Others not listed)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Silver Star

Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with seventeen oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

(Others not listed)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 14, 2001

First Lieutenant May 14, 2003

Captain May 14, 2005

Major December 1, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2016

(Current as of June 2020)