



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CATHERINE CORREA

Lt Col Catherine Correa is the Maintenance Group Commander at 916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. She provides total administrative support for more than 300 personnel in addition to the oversight and budget of all maintenance operations on eleven KC-46A Pegasus aircraft tasked with worldwide aerial refueling missions.

Lt Col Correa enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in 2000 and worked as an F-16 Weapons Loader until she received a scholarship and her commission through the University of Miami's Reserve Officer Training Corps in 2003. After graduation, she was stationed at FE Warren AFB as nuclear missile operator during which time she earned her first master's degree before returning to the Reserve Command in 2007.

Lt Col Correa served as a traditional reservist in the 920th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Patrick AFB, FL for five years and deployed once with the unit before taking a job as an Air Reserve Technician (ART) to command the 914th Maintenance Squadron at Niagara Falls AFB, NY. While stationed at Niagara, she volunteered for a deployment opportunity to Qatar after which she was placed on active-duty orders for 13 months as a student at the Advanced Studies of Air Mobility course at McGuire AFB, NJ earning her second master's degree -- an MS in Logistics from the Air Force Institute of Technology.



After that assignment, Lt Col Correa returned to the ART program taking a command billet with the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Youngstown, OH. After a successful command tour, she returned to Patrick AFB to command the 920th Maintenance Squadron and deployed again as an Air Advisor earning the Special Duty Identifier in the greater Baghdad area. She served six months as Deputy Group Commander and then G-Series Group Commander for the 370th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, Bagdad Diplomatic Support Center, Baghdad, Iraq. In that capacity she travelled outside-the-wire throughout the greater Baghdad area lending her expertise to Iraqi Air Force senior leaders. Her actions in support of operation INHERENT RESOLVE earned her a Bronze Star Medal. Shortly after returning to home station, she was selected for the Maintenance Group Commander trainee position at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. She was hired as the 916th Maintenance Group Commander at Seymour Johnson after just one year in the trainee position.

EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelors of English Literature, Florida International University, Fla.
- 2001 Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2001 Weapons Systems Training School, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2001 Airman Leadership Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2003 Space and Missile Training Course, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- 2003 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Masters of Business Administration, University of Phoenix, Wyo.

2008 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)
2008 Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2011 Reserve Officer Developmental Education, (various locations)
2013 Maintenance Officer Intermediate Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2015 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
2015 Masters of Science in Logistics, Air Force Institute of Technology, McGuire AFB, N.J.
2017 Maintenance Officer Intermediate Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2019 Air Advisor Course, McGuire AFB, N.J.
2022 Air War College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2000 – March 2002, Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.
2. October 2003 – April 2004, Student, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
3. April 2004 – July 2005, Peacekeeper ICBM Combat Crew Deputy Commander, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.
4. July 2005 – October 2007, Minuteman III ICBM Combat Crew Deputy Commander/Commander, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.
5. November 2007 – November 2011, Maintenance Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
6. November 2011 – November 2012, Flight Commander, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
7. February 2012 – May 2012, Maintenance OIC 81st ERQS, Camp Lemonier, Republic of Djibouti, Africa
8. November 2012 -- May 2014, 914th Maintenance Squadron Commander, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base, N.Y.
9. January 2014 -- May 2014, Maintenance OIC 379th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
10. May 2014 – June 2015, Student, Advanced Studies of Air Mobility McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
11. June 2015 – February 2018, 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander, Youngstown Air Reserve Base, Ohio
12. February 2018 – February 2021, Commander, 920th Maintenance Squadron, Patrick Space Force Base, Fla.
13. September 2019 – March 2020, 370th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group Commander, Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center, Iraq
14. February 2021 – August 2022, Group Commander Trainee, 916th Maintenance Group, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
15. August 2022 – present, Group Commander, 916th Maintenance Group, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two hourglass and one "M" Device
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and two oak leaf clusters
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one star
320 MS Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, January-March 2007
920 MXS Company Grade Officer of the Year, 2011
920 MXG Company Grade Officer of the Year, 2011
81 ERQS Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, January-March 2012
Bronze Star Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class November 11, 2000
Senior Airman January 1, 2001
Second Lieutenant May 28, 2003
First Lieutenant May 28, 2005
Captain May 28, 2007
Major March 13, 2013
Lieutenant Colonel August 31, 2018
Colonel July 1, 2023

(CURRENT AS OF APRIL 2024)