



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL TIMOTHY M. MCKENZIE

Colonel Timothy M. McKenzie is the Chief, Advanced Development Division, Military Satellite Communications (MILSATCOM) Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He is responsible for fielding the next generation of polar and tactical MILSATCOM systems supporting the Air Force and the Department of Defense. Prior to this assignment he was a student at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama where he earned a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies. Before attending Air War College, Colonel McKenzie served as the Material Leader, Advanced Payloads Division, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Virginia. In this role, Colonel McKenzie was responsible for developing and deploying advanced imaging technology, payloads, and small satellite systems. His career has spanned a wide variety of space operations, technical management, leadership, and staff positions.



Colonel McKenzie entered the Air Force in 1993 through the ROTC program at Northern Arizona University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

### EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, Northern Arizona University  
2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB  
2001 Master of Arts in Computer Resources and Information Management, Webster University  
2005 Master of Science degree in Space Systems Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology  
2014 Program Managers Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir  
2015 Air War College, Maxwell AFB.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Oct 93 – Jun 95, Network Systems Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Operations Squadron, Falcon AFB, Colorado
2. Jun 95 – Jun 98, Chief, Computer Security Engineering Team, Air Force Information Warfare Center, Kelly AFB, Texas
3. Jun 98 – Jul 02, Program Manager, Advanced Systems, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, California
4. Jul 02 – Jul 04, Chief, Enterprise Defense in Depth, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Virginia

5. Jul 04 – Jun 05, Student, Intermediate Developmental Education, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. Jun 05 – Jun 09, Program Element Monitor, Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
7. Jun 09 – Jun 11, Chief, Payload Development, National Reconnaissance, Chantilly Virginia
8. Jun 11 – Jul 14, Material Leader, Advanced Payloads Division, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Virginia
9. Jul 14 – Jul 15, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with four oak leaf clusters

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant July 19, 1993  
First Lieutenant July 19, 1995  
Captain July 19, 1997  
Major December 1, 2003  
Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2008  
Colonel March 1, 2015

(Current as of January 2018)