



# 97th AIR MOBILITY WING

U.S. Air Force (AETC)

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## COLONEL WILLIAM G. PALMBY

Col. William G. Palmby is commander, 97th Operations Group, Altus Air Force Base, Okla. As commander, he is responsible to the wing commander for administrative and training support to as many as 3,300 C-5, KC-135 and C-17 students at Air Education and Training Command's Air Mobility Training Center.

Colonel Palmby entered the Air Force in May 1980 after graduating from Parks College. He is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours.



### EDUCATION:

- 1978 Bachelor of science degree in aviation science, Parks College
- 1990 Squadron Officer School (Residence)
- 1993 Master of science degree in human resource management, Wilmington College
- 1994 Naval Command and Staff College (Residence)
- 1994 Master's degree in national security and strategic studies, Naval War College
- 1995 School of advanced Airpower Studies (Residence)
- 1995 Master's degree in airpower art and science, SAAS
- 1998 Air War College (Seminar)

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1980 - 1981, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. 1981 - 1983, T-38 instructor pilot, standardization/evaluation officer, scheduler, runway supervisory unit monitor/upgrade observer, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
3. 1983 - 1986, T-38 wing standardization/evaluation runway supervisor unit controller/training and standardization officer, runway supervisory unit upgrade controller, wing check pilot, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.
4. 1986 - 1989, humanitarian break in service.
5. 1989 - 1993, C-5 flight examiner aircraft commander, chief, squadron plans; assistant wing executive officer; chief, squadron standardization/evaluation, Dover Air Force Base, Del.
6. 1993 - 1994, student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.
7. 1994 - 1995, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. 1995 - 1997, strategic concepts officer, director of plans; assistant for senior officer matters, director of personnel, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

9. 1997 - 1998, operations officer, 22nd Airlift Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
10. 1998 - 1999, commander, 22nd Airlift Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
11. 1999 - 2002, deputy chief, mobility division, Logistics Directorate, the Joint Staff, Pentagon.
12. 2002 - present, commander, 97th Operations Group, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight Hours: More than 3,200  
Aircraft Flown: T-38, C-5

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Medal  
Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two devices  
Kuwait Liberation Medal  
ATC Commander's Trophy  
Distinguished Graduate of UPT, PIT, C-5 Initial Qualification, SOS, ISS

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	May 1980
First Lieutenant	April 1982
Captain	March 1986
Major	March 1994
Lieutenant Colonel	January 1998
Colonel	April 2001

(Current as of January 2004)