



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

COLONEL VANCE GOODFELLOW

Colonel “Jolly” Goodfellow is the Chief, United States Military Training Mission (USMTM) to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Leading Prior to serving as Chief USMTM, he served as the Chief of the Joint Advisory Division and Air & Space Force Element Lead, CENTCOM, USMTM, Riyadh, KSA leading 66 personnel across United States Embassy KSA, multiple USMTM Divisions and all Joint Staff positions executing security cooperation with the KSA.



Col Goodfellow entered the United States Air Force through the Air Force ROTC program at South Dakota State University in 1998. As an acquisition officer, he has led teams responsible for upper stage rocket engine development; to the launching, the command and control of multiple national satellites around the world; to standing up the Responsive Space Squadron, to Commanding in austere environments overseas. Col Goodfellow completed staff tours at United States Strategic Command; United States Special Operations Command; Department of Energy and has served as the Responsive Space Squadron Director of Operations; Space Based Nuclear Detonation & Detection National Program Material Leader, 475th Expeditionary Air Base Squadron Commander and as the Deputy Commander of the Fightin’ 55th Mission Support Group and 55th Wing Emergency Operations Center Director. Before assuming his current position, Col Goodfellow was the Deputy Director of the Department of Air Force Inspection Agency. In this capacity he led a large and diverse group of professionals responsible for conducting inspections on organizations above the wing level including Air & Space Staff, Major Command, Direct Reporting Unit and Field Operating Units. He was the Team Chief for multiple SECAF, CSAF & CSO Directed Inspections; to include Racial Disparity and Department of the Air Force Readiness Review.

EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, South Dakota State University
- 2001 Air Force Institute of Technology, Education With Industry, Honeywell Inc., Florida
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2006 Master of Business Administration degree in International Business, Trident University
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2011 Master of Arts degree in Military Operational Art and Science, Air University
- 2015 Defense Management Services College, Ft. Belvoir, Defense Acquisition University
- 2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2019 Inspector General School, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1998 - December 1999, *Rocket Propulsion Acquisition Manager*, AFRL/PR, Air Force Materiel Command, Edwards AFB, CA
2. December 1999 – July 2001, *Executive Officer / Squadron Section Commander*, AFRL/PR, Air Force Materiel Command, Edwards AFB, CA
3. July 2001 – July 2002, *Air Force Institute of Technology Student*, Exchange With Industry, Honeywell Inc., Clearwater, FL
4. July 2002 – July 2005, *Chief, AFSCN Systems Architecture & Network Integration Branch*, SMC/RN, Space and Missiles Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles AFB, CA
5. July 2005 – March 2008, *Commander, Deployables Mobile Range Flight*, Space Test Ops Squadron, Space Development & Test Wing, Space and Missiles Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Albuquerque, NM
6. February 2007 – August 2007, *Officer In Charge, J4 Liaison to Coalition Military Assistance Transition Team*, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq
7. March 2008 – July 2009, *Director of Operations, Responsive Space Squadron*, Space Development & Test Wing, Albuquerque, NM
8. July 2009 – July 2010, *Deputy Chief, CWMD Branch, J8*, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE
9. July 2010 – June 2011, *Student*, Air Command & Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. June 2011 – August 2014, *Division Chief, SOF Counterproliferation*, United States Special Operations Command, Tampa, FL
11. August 2014 – December 2016, *Program Manager, Space Nuclear Detonation Detection*, Office of Nuclear Detonation Detection, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Research and Development, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.
12. December 2016 – July 2019, *Deputy Commander, 55th Mission Support Group*, Offutt AFB, NE
13. December 2017 – August 2017, *Commander, 475th Expeditionary Air Base Squadron*, Forward Operating Location-Camp Simba, Kenya, Africa
14. July 2019 – June 2021, *Deputy Director*, Dept of Air Force Inspection Agency, Kirtland AFB, NM
15. June 2021 – present, *Chief, United States Military Training Mission*, CENTCOM, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Level III Program Manager

Level III Space Professional

Joint Qualified Officer

Jump Wings

Multiple Organizational Excellence Awards

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	-	January 10, 1998
First Lieutenant	-	January 10, 2000
Captain	-	January 10, 2004
Major	-	August 01, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel	-	December 01, 2012
Colonel	-	April 01, 2019