



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIRFORCE

COLONEL DAVID M. ABEL

Col. David M. Abel is the Commander of the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. The 5th MOB is the last remaining active duty combat communications group. The group of over 700 Airmen, Guardians, Civilians, and one United Kingdom officer from over twenty career fields is comprised of a combat communications support squadron, two combat communications mission squadrons and an engineering installation squadron. He directs the training, mobilization, and deployment of multi-capable personnel, computers, radios, transport systems, specialized engineering services and supporting equipment to enable wartime and peacetime operations for combatant commanders, joint task forces, and Air Force components and Department of Defense Agencies. These missions also include direct support taskings for the United States Northern Command and the United States Secret Service.

Col Abel is a native of California and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps as a distinguished graduate in 1999.

Col Abel has served in numerous cyberspace operations command and staff tours. His command experience includes the 52d Combat Communications Squadron, 407th Expeditionary Support Squadron and 374th Communications Squadron. He has led in theater operations including Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve.

EDUCATION

1999 Distinguished Graduate, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems., Wright State University, Dayton, OH.

2002 Magna Cum Laude, Master's degree in Business Administration, Colorado Technical University, Colorado Springs, CO.

2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.

2009 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2011 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science degree in Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

2014 Air War College, by correspondence

2020 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2000 - May 2000, student, Basic Communications Officer Training school, Keesler AFB,



Mississippi.

2. May 2000 - December 2002, Crew Commander, Network Operations and Security Center, Peterson AFB, Colorado.
3. December 2002 – March 2006, Commander, Plans and Support Flight, 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron; Executive Officer, 615th Air Mobility Operations Group; Executive Officer, 615th Contingency Response Wing, Travis AFB, California.
4. March 2006 – May 2007, Commander, Combat Information Systems Flight, 607th Combat Communications Squadron, Camp Humphreys, Republic of South Korea.
5. May 2007 – June 2010, Chief, Knowledge Operations Division, Third Air Force; 17D Functional Manager, United States Air Forces Europe A6 Staff, Ramstein Air Station, Germany.
6. June 2010 – April 2012, student, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.
7. April 2012 – July 2014, Commander, 52d Combat Communications Squadron, Warner Robins, GA.
8. July 2013 – January 2014, Commander, 407th Expeditionary Support Squadron, Muffawaq Salti Air Base, Kingdom of Jordan.
9. August 2016 – June 2018, Commander, 374th Communications Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan.
10. July 2019 – June 2020, student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2014 – July 2016, Lead, Current Operations and Plans, Joint Staff J6, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
2. June 2018 – June 2019, Executive Officer to the Commander, United States Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan
3. July 2020 – June 2022, Deputy Chief of Staff, USCYBERCOM, Fort Meade, Maryland.

BADGES

Senior Cyberspace Operator Badge
Basic Space Operations Badge

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec. 28, 1999
First Lieutenant Dec. 28, 2001
Captain Dec. 28, 2003
Major Aug. 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel, Jan. 1, 2015
Colonel, Dec. 1, 2020

(Current as of July 2022)