



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL BILLY E. POPE, JR.

Colonel Billy E. Pope, Jr. is dual-hatted as the Director of Intelligence and Operations (A2/3) for the 688th Cyberspace Wing and the Commander of the 690th Cyberspace Operations Group. In his role as the Wing A2/3, he synchronizes and directs intelligence-driven activities to operate, protect, and defend Air Force networks globally. He employs sixteen operational units with nearly 1,900 personnel who conduct persistent and expeditionary network operations at all classification levels synchronized with defensive cyberspace operations globally. These capabilities deliver responsive combat support to guarantee command and control, global connectivity, and information assurance to 865,000 users across 233 sites in 180 countries. As the 690th COG Commander, he leads seven globally-distributed squadrons in efforts to improve the culture, leadership, innovation, and mission effectiveness for Airmen and their families worldwide.



Colonel Pope served in numerous capacities within the Communications and Cyber Operations career fields to include: cyberspace strategy, offensive and defensive cyber operations, and joint special operations communications. Colonel Pope previously commanded at the Squadron level and has held positions at Service Headquarters, Joint Combatant Command, Major Command, and installation levels within the continental United States and abroad. He received his commission from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Redlands in June 2001.

EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, University of Redlands, Redlands, CA.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2007 United States Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, MCB Quantico, VA.
- 2007 Advanced Communications Officer Course, MCB Quantico, VA.
- 2007 Master of Human Relations, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.
- 2009 Marine Command and Staff College with Distinction (Correspondence)
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2013 Master of Public Administration, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2014 Master of Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2019 Master of Science in Military Strategy, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 01 – Oct 03, Deputy Chief of Network Operations, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, California.
2. Oct 03 – Mar 05, Chief of Mission Systems Support, United States Air Forces in Europe

- Computer Systems Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany.
3. Mar 05 – May 06, Chief, Director's Action Group, Communications and Information Directorate, United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany.
 4. May 06 – Jun 06, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
 5. Jun 06 – May 07, Student, United States Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, MCBQuantico, Virginia.
 6. May 07 – Mar 10 – Command Information Assurance Manager and Deputy Chief of Current Operations, Communications Directorate, Special Operations Command – Central, MacDill AFB, Florida.
 7. Mar 10 – May 11, Officer in Charge, Commander's Communications Team, United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, Florida.
 8. May 11 – Jul 12, Flight Commander, Operations Flight, 6th Communications Squadron, MacDill AFB, Florida.
 9. Jul 12 – Jun 13, Air Force Fellow, and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Scholar, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
 10. Jun 13 – Jun 14, Degree Candidate, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
 11. Jun 14 – Jul 16, Commander, 81st Communications Squadron, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.
 12. Jul 16 – May 17, Branch Chief, Cyber Strategy, Office of the Air Force CIO, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
 13. May 17 – Jun 18, Senior Executive Officer to the Air Force's Chief of Information Dominance, Headquarters, Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
 14. Jun 18 – Jul 19, Research Fellow, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
 15. Jul 19 – Jun 21, Chief, Future Operations Division, Headquarters United States Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland.
 16. Jun 21 – Present, Commander, 690th Cyberspace Operations Group, Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland AFB, Texas.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 Air Force Flight Test Center's Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award
2008 USCENTCOM Communications and Information Officer of the Year
2009 USCENTCOM Communications and Information Officer of the Year
2013 Robert F. Kennedy Award for Excellence in Public Service (Harvard University)
2014 Air Force Association Award for Best SAASS Thesis, Cyberspace and Technology
2016 Air Education and Training Command Information Dominance Field Grade Officer of the Year
2019 Distinguished Graduate and NDU President's Writing Award, National War College

DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	13 July 2001
First Lieutenant	13 July 2003
Captain	13 July 2005
Major	1 Sept 2011
Lieutenant Colonel	1 Jan 2016
Colonel	1 Feb 2020

PUBLICATIONS:

Cyber Power: A personal Theory of Opportunity, Leverage, and Yet... Just Power, The Strategy Bridge, May 2014

Structural Causes and Cyber Effects: Why International Order is Inevitable in Cyberspace, Strategic Studies Quarterly, AU Press, Dec 2014

Structural Causes and Cyber Effects: A Response to Our Critics, Strategic Studies Quarterly, AU Press, Aug 2015

A Better State of War: Surmounting the Ethical Cliff in Cyber Warfare, The Drew Papers No. 29, AU Press, Feb 2019

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