



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL JASON P. HOUSTON

Colonel Jason “Stinger” Houston is the Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy Directorate, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Col Houston advises the Secretary of Defense and senior civilian leadership on the near-term strategic and operational readiness of the Armed Services and develops and oversees policies and programs that ensure Joint Force Readiness to support the National Defense Strategy.

Col Houston was commissioned in 2001 through the United States Air Force Academy. Col Houston has flown four tours in the F-15E achieving Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, and Mission Commander status. He also served as an Exchange Instructor Pilot with the United States Navy where he flew all variants of the F/A-18. Col Houston is a Command Pilot and has accumulated more than 3,000 hours in fighter aircraft, including 494 combat hours flown in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, RESOLUTE SUPPORT, and SPARTAN SHIELD.



Prior to assuming his current position, Col Houston was the Deputy Commander, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia, where he led a wide array of combat Air Force capabilities and support functions with more than 1,800 total force Airmen.

#### EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.
- 2008 Master of Business Administration, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.
- 2014 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2015 USAF Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course
- 2015 Air Combat Command Flight Safety Program Manger Course
- 2016 Defense Acquisition University Requirements Management and Joint Capabilities Courses
- 2022 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, National Defense University

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2001 - October 2002, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Distinguished Graduate, Vance AFB, Okla.
2. May 2003 - February 2004, Student, F-15E Formal Training Unit, 333d Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
3. March 2004 - November 2006, F-15E 4-ship Flight Lead, 90th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.
4. February 2007 - April 2010, F-15E Evaluator Pilot and Flight Commander, 333d Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
5. April 2010 - July 2011, F-15E Evaluator Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

6. July 2011 - June 2012 – Exchange Officer, Student, F/A-18 Replacement Pilot Training, VFA-106, Naval Air Station Oceana, Va.
7. June 2012 - August 2013, Exchange Officer, F/A-18 Instructor Pilot, VFA-106, NAS Oceana, Va.
8. August 2013 - June 2014, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. June 2014 - March 2016, Flight Safety Officer, Flight Safety Division, HQ ACC, Langley AFB, Va.
10. March 2016 - April 2017, Chief, F-35 Operations Branch, HQ ACC, Langley AFB, Va.
11. May 2017 - January 2019, Director of Operations, 4th Operations Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
12. January 2019 - April 2019, 4th FW Agile Basing Team Lead, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
13. April 2019 - December 2020, Commander, 336 Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
14. December 2020 - Jun 2021, Deputy Commander, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
15. June 2021 - June 2022, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
16. June 2022 - Present, Deputy Commander, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,000 (494 Combat)

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-15E, F/A-18A-F

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

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

Second Lieutenant      May 30, 2001

First Lieutenant        May 30, 2003

Captain                    May 30, 2005

Major                      April 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel     January 1, 2016

Colonel                    November 1, 2021

*(Current as of Jan 2024)*