



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

COLONEL PETER J. FLORES

Col. Peter J. Flores is the Commander of Space Delta 12, temporarily located at Schriever Space Force Base, Colo. DEL 12 prepares the U.S. Space Force to prevail in a contested, degraded, and operationally-limited environment through the test and evaluation of USSF capabilities and delivery of timely, accurate, and expert information in support of weapon system acquisition, operational acceptance, and readiness decisions.

Col. Flores is a native of Los Angeles, Calif. He was commissioned through Air Force ROTC, Detachment 055, University of California, Los Angeles, in 1991. He began his commissioned career as a Minuteman II Intercontinental Ballistic Missile combat crew member at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. from 1992 to 1995 and subsequently transitioned to space operations as a Deep Space Surveillance System and Low-Altitude Space Surveillance crew member from 1995 to 1998 at Royal Air Force Feltwell, United Kingdom. He attended the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev. in 1998 and has since served in a series of multi-domain operations and staff positions. As a Colonel, he served from 2012 to 2013 in Baghdad, Iraq as the Deputy Director of Security Assistance, Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq; from 2013 to 2018 as the Director of Range Operations, Nevada Test and Training Range, Nellis AFB, Nevada; from 2018 to 2020 as the Director of Space and Cyber Operations, Fourteenth Air Force - Combined Force Space Component Command, Vandenberg AFB, California; and, most recently he served as the Commander, Space Training and Readiness Delta (Provisional), Peterson Space Force Base, Colo., from 2020 to 2021. He assumed command of Space Delta 12 on Aug. 23, 2021. Col. Flores transferred from the U.S. Air Force to the U.S. Space Force Dec. 28, 2020.



EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif.
1995 Master of Arts, Human Resource Management and Development, Webster University, Saint Louis, Mo.
1998 Weapons Instructor Course, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
2002 Command and Control Warrior Advanced Course, Hurlburt AFB, Fla.
2006 Master of Arts, Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2007 Master of Arts, Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Master of Arts, Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1992–August 1994, Instructor and Evaluator, 509th Missile Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.
2. August 1994–June 1995, Senior Flight Instructor and Evaluator, 508th MS, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
3. June 1995–July 1997, Chief, Standardization and Evaluation, 5th Space Surveillance Squadron, Royal Air Force Feltwell, United Kingdom
4. January 1999–January 2002, Chief, Early Warning Operations and Doctrine, U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Germany
5. January 2002–June 2003, Instructor, Space Division, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. June 2003–April 2004, Operations Officer, 57th Weapons Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. April 2004–July 2005, Deputy Chief, Weapons and Tactics Branch, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

8. August 2005–June 2007, Student, Air Command and Staff College and School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. June 2007–March 2008, Chief, Special Missions Division, 14th Air Force, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
10. March 2008–May 2009, Deputy Chief, Combat Operations Division, 614th Air and Space Operations Center, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
11. June 2009–June 2011, Commander, 17th Test Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
12. July 2011–June 2012, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn.
13. July 2012–July 2013, Deputy Director of Security Assistance, Office of Security Cooperation, Baghdad, Iraq
14. August 2013–July 2018, Director of Range Operations, Nevada Test and Training Range, Nellis AFB, Nev.
15. July 2018–May 2020, Director of Space and Cyber Operations, Fourteenth Air Force - Combined Force Space Component Command, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
16. July 2020–August 2021, Commander, Space Training and Readiness Delta (Provisional), Peterson AFB, Colo.
17. August 2021-Present, Commander, Space Delta 12, Schriever SFB, Colo.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Sept. 30, 1991
First Lieutenant Oct. 18, 1993
Captain Oct. 18, 1995
Major Aug. 1, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2007
Colonel April 1, 2013

(Current as of August 2021)