



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

COLONEL SACHA N. TOMLINSON

Col Sacha Tomlinson is the Test Enterprise Division Chief for Space Training and Readiness Command (STARCOM), Peterson Space Force Base, Colo. She is also the STARCOM Commander's Deputy Operational Test Authority. In these two roles, she is responsible for establishing STARCOM's test enterprise, managing and executing the continuum of test for space systems and capabilities.

Col Tomlinson graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1992 and enlisted in the Air Force in 1993, serving nearly six years as a Biomedical Equipment Technician. She commissioned through Officer Training School and completed Undergraduate Space and Missile Training in 1999. Col Tomlinson was assigned to the 1st Command and Control Squadron at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo., where she served as a Space Surveillance Crew Commander, instructor, and evaluator. Next, assigned to the 533d Training Squadron, Detachment 1, at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., she trained Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center personnel. Assigned to the 30th Operations Support Squadron, Vandenberg, Calif., she fulfilled a variety of roles, including Operations Group Chief of Training.

Col Tomlinson was the Test Director for the Space-Based Infrared System at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.. She also served as the Ballistic Missile Defense Officer for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Headquarters Allied Land Command, located in Izmir, Turkey. Next she commanded Detachment 4, 17th Test Squadron, at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. followed by a year as the 21st Space Wing Inspector General. Col Tomlinson's second command was the 17th Test Squadron, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo. where she was responsible for independent evaluation of space systems' performance as well as the COMBAT MACE weapons system evaluation program. Prior to her current position, the Colonel served as the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center Detachment 4 deputy commander.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science in English, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln Neb.
- 1997 Associate of Applied Science in Biomedical Equipment Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 2003 Master of Science in Management, Colorado Technical University, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2016 Test and Evaluation Level III Certification, Defense Acquisition University
- 2018 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1993 – October 1994, Student, Medical Equipment Repair Course, 384th Training Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. November 1994 – December 1995, Biomedical Equipment Technician, 717th Contingency Hospital, Wiesbaden and Frankfurt, Germany
3. January 1996 – July 1999, Biomedical Equipment Technician, 3d Medical Support Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
4. July 1999 – September 1999, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
5. September 1999 – July 2003, Space Surveillance Crew Commander, Space Surveillance Analyst Instructor, Chief of Current Operations, Evaluator, 1st Command and Control Squadron and 1st Space Control Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.
6. July 2003 – July 2006, Instructor, Command Center Training; Chief of Command Center Training; Flight Commander, Detachment 1, 533d and 392d Training Squadrons, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.
7. July 2006 – September 2009, Instructor, Chief of Training, Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, 30th Operations Support Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
8. September 2009 – July 2013, Test Director, Space-Based Infrared System, Detachment 4, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
9. July 2013 – July 2014, Ballistic Missile Defense Officer, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Headquarters Allied Land Command, Izmir, Turkey
10. August 2014 – July 2016, Commander, Detachment 4, 17th Test Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
11. July 2016 – June 2017, Inspector General, 21st Space Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
12. June 2017 – June 2019, Commander, 17th Test Squadron, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.
13. June 2019 – July 2021, Deputy Commander, Detachment 4, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
14. July 2021 – Present - Test Enterprise Division Chief for Space Training and Readiness Command (STARCOM), Peterson Space Force Base, Colo.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class Oct 7, 1993
Senior Airman Aug 7, 1995
Staff Sergeant Aug 1, 1997
Second Lieutenant July 2, 1999
First Lieutenant July 2, 2001
Captain July 2, 2003
Major May 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel Nov 1, 2014
Colonel Nov 1, 2021

(Current as of November 2021)