

Air Force Song

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em, now, Give 'em the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing will stop the U.S. Air Force!*

Lt Col Putnam and Lt Col Bishop, along with the members of the rock from 305th Operations Support Squadron, would like to sincerely thank you for your attendance.

A team of Ready Experts...We are THE ROCK!

305th Operations Support Squadron Change of Command



6 June 2025

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES A. PUTNAM

Lieutenant Colonel James A. Putnam is the Commander, 305th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. The 305 OSS enables the daily execution of airlift, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation, and humanitarian missions around the globe supporting U.S. national interests. The squadron also supports 12 tenant aviation units and operates two airfields located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. He leads more than 330 military and civilian personnel, as well as nine unique flights: Airfield Operations, Current Operations, Weather, Intelligence, Combat Tactics, Aircrew Training, Aircrew Flight Equipment, Mission Planning Center, and US Navy Air Operations supporting Maxfield Field. Lt Col Putnam graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2004 and commissioned in 2007 as a distinguished graduate of Officer Training School and is also a distinguished graduate of Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training and a command pilot with more than 3,200 hours. He has flown more than 500 combat hours and deployed in support of numerous combat operations including operations ENDURING FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, INHERENT RESOLVE, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. He has also commanded missions to Antarctica in support of operation DEEP FREEZE. Prior to his current position, Lt Col Putnam served as the Operations Officer for the 6th Airlift Squadron and the Director of Operations for the 305th Operations Support Squadron.



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal with two service stars
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot
Flight hours: 3,200
Aircraft flown: C-17A, T-1A, T-6A

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID M. BISHOP

Lieutenant Colonel David M. Bishop is the Director of Operations, 305th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. The 305 OSS enables the daily execution of airlift, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation, and humanitarian missions around the globe supporting U.S. national interests. He leads various personnel across multiple flights. He entered the Air Force and commissioned in 2008. Lt Col Bishop is a distinguished graduate of initial C-17A qualification and a senior pilot with more than 2,800 hours. He has flown over 550 combat hours and deployed in support of numerous combat operations including operations INHERENT RESOLVE, ENDURING FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. Following Command Naval Staff College, Lt Col Bishop was the Deputy Air Refueling Branch Chief in the Operations Directorate, United States Transportation Command. Prior to his current position, he served as the Speechwriter to the Commander, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot
Flight hours: 2,800
Aircraft flown: C-17A, KC-135 R/T, and KC-46A

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