



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MARK MCGILL

Colonel Mark McGill is the Director of the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA), headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. JPRA is a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Controlled Activity aligned under the Joint Staff Director for Joint Force Development (J7). JPRA leads DoD Personnel Recovery (PR) by providing strategic direction, oversight, operational support, analysis, capability development, training, and education to improve PR interoperability, enabling DoD, the interagency, and multinational partners to prevent, prepare for, and respond to isolating events.

Col McGill has over 21 years of leadership experience in special operations. As an Air Force Special Tactics Officer, he deployed numerous times and has commanded special operations at the wing, group, and squadron level, and commanded Joint Task Forces across two geographic combatant commands. Col McGill was also assigned to the Joint Staff where he was responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing national strategy to counter violent extremist organizations, and assigned to the Air Staff where he was responsible for developing and implementing policy to support global U.S Air Force Special Warfare operations, force management, training, and readiness.

After receiving his commission from the Air Force Academy in 2000, he entered the Special Tactics training pipeline in 2001 and completed training in 2003. He is a static line and military free fall jumpmaster, combat diver, air traffic controller and joint terminal attack controller.



EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Science in Operations Research, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)

2011 Master of Art in Military Art and Operational Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2013 Master of Art in Policy Management, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

2017 Master of Art in National Security and Strategic Studies, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I. 2019 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2000 – September 2001, Project Officer, Distributed Common Ground System, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
2. October 2001 – December 2003, Special Tactics Officer Trainee, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
3. December 2003 – May 2006, Flight Commander, 22d Special Tactics Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
4. June 2006 – May 2010, Flight Commander, 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.
5. May 2010 – June 2011, Operations Officer, 720th Operations Support Sq, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
6. June 2011 – June 2012, Commander, 720th Operations Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
7. June 2012 – August 2013, Air Force Fellow, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
8. August 2013 – June 2014, Commander, 724th Operations Support Squadron, Pope Army Airfield, N.C.
9. June 2014 – June 2016, Commander, 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Army Airfield, N.C.
10. June 2016 – June 2017, Student, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
11. June 2017 – July 2019, Deputy Division Chief, The Joint Staff Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5), Transregional Threats Coordination Cell, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
12. July 2019 – July 2020, Deputy Director, Air Force Special Warfare Directorate, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
13. July 2020 – June 2022, Commander, 724th Special Tactics Group, Pope Army Airfield, N.C.
14. June 2022 - July 2024, Commander, 352d Special Operations Wing, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom
15. July 2024 - Present, Director, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion Of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze star devices
Iraqi Campaign Medal with three bronze star devices
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 2000
First Lieutenant	May 2002
Captain	May 2004
Major	Jan 2010
Lieutenant Colonel	Dec 2013
Colonel	Jan 2020