BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Colonel JASON D. ALLEN

Col. Jason D. Allen serves as 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. Allen commissioned in 1999 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, New Mexico State University, New Mexico. He has commanded at the wing, group, and squadron levels. Prior to his current position, Col. Allen was the Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Col. Allen has deployed in support of numerous operations including Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, INHERENT RESOLVE, NEW DAWN, and other worldwide contingencies. He is a master navigator with over 3,200 hours in the U-28A, MC-130H/J, WC-130J, and AC-130J aircraft.

EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M.
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2005 Master of International Relations, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
2013 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2014 Master of Philosophy in Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
2024 Executive Program in Organizational Culture and Leadership, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
2025 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1999 – July 2000, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
2. January 2001 – May 2004, MC-130H Electronic Warfare Officer, 1st Special Operations Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
3. May 2004 – May 2008, MC-130H Evaluator Electronic Warfare Officer, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
4. May 2008 – June 2009, U-28A Evaluator Combat Systems Officer, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
5. June 2009 – August 2012, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Joint Special Operations Command, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
6. August 2012 – July 2013, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

7. June 2014 – June 2015, Operations Officer, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. June 2015 – January 2017, Commander, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. January 2017 – July 2017, Inspector General, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. July 2017–June 2018, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2018 – June 2020, Director, Special Operations Command Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
12. June 2020 – June 2022, Division Chief, Deputy Directorate for Special Operations/CT, J-3, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. June 2022 – December 2022, Vice Commander, 81st Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.
14. December 2022 – March 2023, Acting Commander, 81st Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.
15. March 2023 – June 2024, Deputy Commander, 81st Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.
16. June 2024 - June 2026, Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
17. June 2026 - Present, Director, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Ft. Belvoir, VA.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009 – August 2012, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Joint Special Operations Command, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
2. June 2018 – June 2020, Director, Special Operations Command Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany, as a Lieutenant Colonel
3. June 2020 – June 2022, Division Chief, Deputy Directorate for Special Operations/Counterterrorism, J-3, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a Lieutenant Colonel and a Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator
Flight Hours: more than 3,200 (506 combat)
Aircraft Flown: T-43, U-28A, MC-130H/J, WC-130J, and AC-130J

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Combat Action Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 14, 1999
First Lieutenant June 14, 2001
Captain June 14, 2003
Major April 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2014
Colonel Sept. 1, 2020

(Current as of July 2026)