



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MONIQUE J. DESPAIN

Colonel Monique J. DeSpain is the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commandant, USAF Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and a member of The Judge Advocate General's Air National Guard Leadership Council. In these capacities, Col DeSpain advises and assists the AFJAGS Commandant, the ANG Director, TJAG and the ANG Assistant to TJAG on matters of policy, programs, operations and utilization of ANG judge advocates and paralegals, their training, and the interface of Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard legal programs. Col DeSpain also supports the Oregon National Guard by performing special projects and advising the A-TAG Joint Staff Dual Status Commander on domestic operations law. She also supports the ANGRC on various special projects to include investigations.

Col DeSpain was commissioned at Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas, in 1989. She served six years on active duty as squadron section commander in units ranging in size from 400 to 1,000 members and group executive officer at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., and Sheppard AFB, Texas. In 1995, Col DeSpain transferred to the Oregon Air National Guard, Portland, Ore., when she left active duty to attend law school at Willamette University. Positions she held include 142nd Fighter Wing Support Group Executive Officer and Services Flight Commander. From 1999 through 2002,

Col DeSpain lived and worked in Singapore and was assigned to PACAF, Air Force Reserve, CAT B, IMA. Her projects included support to the joint staff of the Office of Defense Cooperation at the U.S. Embassy, Singapore, and support to the active duty staff judge advocate, 497th Combat Training Squadron, Port of Singapore Authority Sembawang. In 2000 and 2002, Col DeSpain was the U.S. Department of Defense Representative for Asian Aerospace, the world's third largest biannual air and trade show. Upon her return to the states in 2002, Col DeSpain transferred to the 62d Airlift Wing, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, McChord AFB, Wash. In 2006, she served in CAT A Reserve as the Staff Judge Advocate, 939th Air Refueling Wing, Portland, Ore. She deployed for four months to Aviano Italy and Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, in 2007, working closely with the Army JAG Corps, State Department and Kosovar judiciary in developing their Rule of Law programs. After nine years in the AF Reserve, Col DeSpain returned to the Oregon Air National Guard where she served as the 142 FW SJA for seven years. In 2009 she deployed to support the 48 FW/JA, Lakenheath RAF, United Kingdom, for one month. In 2013, began her three year assignment as ANG Assistant to the Command Staff Judge Advocate, PACAF. Col DeSpain has been active in various national level leadership positions to include 1AF ANG/JA liaison, executive officer to ANG Assistant to the Air Combat Command SJA, and Air National Guard special victims' council program initiative committee chair.

Col DeSpain has held various executive level and general counsel positions in the private sector where she specializes in change management, strategic planning and leading teams to increase profits. She is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Oregon and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Science in Psychology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

1993 Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, Mich.

1998 Doctor of Jurisprudence, Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Ore.

1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2002 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.

2007 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.

2011 Homeland Defense Course, USAF JAG School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.



2013 Special Victims' Counsel Course, USAF JAG School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.
2015 Joint Operations Center Training Course, Oregon National Guard, Salem, Ore.
2016 Domestic Operations Law Course, US Army JAG Legal Center & School, Charlottesville, Va.
2016 Executive Joint Domestic Operations Course, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2016 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2016 Dual Status Commander Orientation Course 16-02, Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2017 Operations Law Course, USAF JAG School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.
2018 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort McNair, District of Columbia

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1990 - April 1993, Squadron Section Commander and Executive Officer, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
2. May 1993 - August 1995, Squadron Section Commander, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. September 1995 - December 1998, Support Group Executive Officer, 142 FW, Oregon Air National Guard, Portland, Ore.
4. January 1999 - May 2000, Computer Communications Officer, Office of Defense Cooperation, US Embassy Singapore, Singapore
5. June 2000 - May 2002, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, PACAF, Singapore
6. June 2002 - March 2006, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 62nd AW/JA, McChord AFB, Wash.
7. April 2006 - May 2008, Staff Judge Advocate, 939th ARW, Portland International Airport, Ore.
8. May 2007 - September 2007, Deployed Staff Judge Advocate, 401st Air Expeditionary Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy
9. June 2008 - July 2014, Staff Judge Advocate, 142 FW, Portland International Airport, Oregon Air National Guard, Ore.
10. June 2013 - July 2014, National Additional Duty Program, Air National Guard Judge Advocate General Corps, Ore.
11. July 2014 - October 2017, Air National Guard Assistant to the Command Staff Judge Advocate, Pacific Air Forces, Hawaii
12. November 2017 - Present, Air National Guard Assistant to the Commandant, USAF Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver oak leaf
National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air & Space Campaign Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Air Force Longevity Service with silver oak leaf
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hour glass and 'M' device
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Oregon National Guard Exceptional Service Medal
Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation
Oregon National Guard Faithful Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Nov. 7, 1989
First Lieutenant Nov. 7, 1991
Captain Nov. 7, 1993
Major Oct. 4, 1998
Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 4, 2005
Colonel June 12, 2013

(Current as of December 2018)