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NEW DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL NOMINATED

Governor Neil Abercrombie and **Maj Gen Darryll Wong** have selected Brig Gen Joseph Kim as their Deputy Adjutant General. Brig Gen Kim currently serves as the Commander of the 154th Wing, headquartered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

Send congratulatory e-mail: joseph.kim@hickam.af.mil

General Kim's biography that follows reflects his current position as the 154th Wing Commander. The biography is current as of June 2010.

BRIGIDIER GENERAL JOSEPH K. KIM



Commander, 154th Wing

Brigadier General Joseph K. Kim is the Commander of the 154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawai'i. The wing consists of an 18 aircraft F-22 Raptor squadron (upon completion of the ongoing conversion from F15c Eagles), an eight aircraft KC-135R Stratotanker squadron, a Classic Associate C-17A Globemaster III squadron, a fixed radar squadron and the full complement of Wing support squadrons; with more than 1900 personnel. Units perform worldwide mobility and air refueling operations along with the 24-hour Air Sovereignty mission within the Hawaiian Islands along with supporting more than 450 personnel in geographically separated units.

General Kim was commissioned from the United States Air Force Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering mechanics, and earned a Master of Business Administration from City University in 1990. On active duty, he served as a T-38 Instructor Pilot, T-38 Pilot Training Instructor, KC-135A Evaluator Instructor Aircraft Commander, Chief of KC-135 Standardization/Evaluation, and KC-135 Combat Crew Training School Instructor Pilot. General Kim joined the Hawai'i Air National Guard in 1993.

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He served in various positions, commanded at the squadron and group levels and served as Vice Wing Commander before assuming his current position. General Kim is a command Pilot with more than 8,000 hours of flying time in the T-37, T-38 and KC-135.

EDUCATION:

1982 Bachelor of Science, Engineering Mechanics, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado

1987 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

1990 Master of Business Administration, City University, Bellevue, Washington.

1995 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)

1996 Air War College (Seminar)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1982 - July 1983, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.
2. July 1983 - November 1983, student, T-38A Pilot Instructor Training Course (PIT), Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.
3. November 1983 - March 1986, T-38A Instructor Pilot, Upgrade Pilot, Squadron Scheduler, RSU Controller, 86th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.
4. April 1986 - February 1988, T-38A PIT Instructor Pilot, RSU Upgrade controller, Check Pilot, Assistant Flight Commander, Assistant RSU Training Officer, 560th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph Air Force Base,, Texas.
5. March 1988 - June 1988, student, Initial KC-135A Aircraft Commander Course, Combat Crew Training School (CCTS), 93d Air Refueling Squadron, Castle Air Force Base, California.
6. July 1988 - December 1991, KC-135A Aircraft Commander, Instructor/Evaluator Aircraft Commander, Chief, KC-135 Standardization/Evaluation Branch, Supervisor of Flying, 7th Air Refueling Squadron, 7th Bomb Wing, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.
7. January 1992 - May 1993, KC-135 A/R CCTS Instructor Aircraft Commander, Simulator Evaluator, 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Castle Air Force Base, California.
8. June 1993 - April 1995, KC-135 Evaluator/Instructor Aircraft Commander, Chief Standardization/ Evaluation, Plans Officer, Supervisor of Flying, 203d Air Refueling Squadron, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i.
9. April 1995 - August 1999, Chief, KC-135 Current Operations, 154th Operations Support Flight, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i.

10. March 1997 - August 1997, Director of Training, Headquarters Hawai'i Air National Guard, Fort Ruger, Hawai'i.
11. September 1999 - June 2000, Director of Operations, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i.
12. July 2000 - November 2001, Commander, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i.
13. December 2001 - June 2004, Deputy Commander, Air Operations Officer, 154th Operations Group, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i.
14. June 2004 - April 2007, Commander 154th Operations Group, acting Vice Wing Commander, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i.
15. May 2007 - May 2009, Vice Commander, 154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i.
16. June 2009 - Present, Commander, 154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawai'i.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 8,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, KC-135A/R

Pilot wings from: Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Combat Readiness Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)

Kosovo Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with Gold Border and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Bronze Hourglass, M Device and Numeral 2)

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	June 2, 1982
First Lieutenant	June 2, 1984
Captain	June 2, 1986
Major	August 20, 1994
Lieutenant Colonel	February 6, 2000
Colonel	June 30, 2005
Brigadier General	February 17, 2010