



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

### COLONEL ZACHARY S. WARAKOMSKI

Col. Zachary S. Warakomski is the Deputy Commander, Combined Force Space Component Command, U.S. Space Command, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif. As Deputy Commander, Col. Warakomski leads more than 17,000 joint and combined personnel with a mission to plan, integrate, conduct, and assess global space operations in order to deliver combat relevant space capabilities to Combatant Commanders, Coalition partners, the Joint Force, and the Nation. Col. Warakomski plans and executes space operations through four distinct and geographically dispersed operations centers, including: Combined Space Operations Center at Vandenberg SFB, Calif.; Missile Warning Center at Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station, Colo.; Joint Overhead Persistent Infrared Planning Center at Buckley SFB, Colo.; and Joint Navigation Warfare Center located at Kirtland AFB, N.M.



Col. Warakomski entered the U.S. Air Force as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1998 and transferred to the United States Space Force in 2021. He commanded the 56th Communications Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz. and the 375th Communications Group at Scott AFB, Ill. Prior to his current assignment, Col. Warakomski served as Commander, Peterson-Schriever Garrison, and then Commander, Space Base Delta 1 at Peterson SFB, Colo. He has served in a variety of operational and staff assignments spanning the squadron, group, wing, numbered Air Force, major command and combatant command levels. In addition, he has served in positions at Headquarters Air Force, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Biology, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1999 Basic Communications Officer Training Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 Master of Business Administration, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 2007 Advanced Communications Officer Training Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2010 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2017 Master of National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 Leading Strategically Seminar, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1998 – November 1998, Deputy Commander, Mission Systems Flight, 437th Communications Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
2. November 1998 – February 1999, student, Basic Communications Officer Training Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. February 1999 – May 2000, Commander, Plans and Programs Flight, 437th Communications Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
4. May 2000 – May 2003, Chief, Systems Integration, Directorate of Operational Plans and Joint Matters, DCS, Air and Space Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
5. May 2003 – April 2005, Combat Infrastructure action officer, Networks Division, Directorate of Communications and Information, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

6. April 2005 – August 2006, Action Officer, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
7. August 2006 – August 2008, Assistant Director of Operations, 4th Space Operations Squadron, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.
8. August 2008 – February 2009, Chief Military Satellite Communications Systems, Capabilities Division, Directorate of Communications and Information, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
9. February 2009 – December 2009, Commander's Speechwriter, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. January 2010 – December 2010, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
11. April 2011 – June 2013, Commander, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
12. June 2013 – July 2014, Executive Assistant to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. July 2014 – January 2015, Action Officer, Cyberspace Division, Directorate for C4/Cyber, Joint Staff J6, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. January 2015 – July 2016, Special Assistant to the Chairman, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2016 – June 2017, student, National War College, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
16. June 2017 – June 2018, Deputy Director, Cyberspace Plans and Strategy, 24th Air Force, Air Forces Cyber and Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber (Air Force), Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland, Texas
17. June 2018 – May 2019, Director, Cyberspace Operations–Integrated Planning Element, U.S. Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command Liaison Officer to U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
18. May 2019 – June 2021, Commander, 375th Communications Group, Scott AFB, Ill.
19. June 2021 – July 2022, Commander, Peterson-Schriever Garrison; and then Commander, Space Base Delta 1, Peterson SFB, Colo.
20. August 2022 – present, Deputy Commander, Combined Force Space Component Command, U.S. Space Command, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.

#### SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

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3. January 2015 – July 2016, Special Assistant to the Chairman, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
4. August 2022 – present, Deputy Commander, Combined Force Space Component Command, U.S. Space Command, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998  
First Lieutenant May 27, 2000  
Captain May 27, 2002  
Major Dec 1, 2007  
Lieutenant Colonel Oct 1, 2012  
Colonel Jan 1, 2019

(Current as of Sep 2022)