



## COLONEL JOHN D. PATRICK

Colonel John D. Patrick is the commander of U.S. Space Forces – Korea (SPACEFOR-KOR), a U.S. Space Force field component under U.S. Space Forces Indo-Pacific and assigned to the U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) sub-unified command. He is responsible for the coordination of coalition space operations and integration in support of the Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command and USFK, providing space planning and employment expertise, as well as space command and control, to the USFK commander. The SPACEFOR-KOR's cadre of Guardians work with allies and partners to integrate space activities into shared operations, activities, and investments.

Colonel Patrick graduated from Brigham Young University and entered the Air Force in 1998 through the Officer Training School program. He is an experienced space operator, with operational experience at the 4th Space Operations Squadron as a satellite control officer and the 50th Operations Group Chief of Inspection Compliance at Schriever Air Force Base. At Vandenberg AFB, he was the Satellite Operations Lead Instructor and culminated his tour the 381st Training Group Executive Officer. Col Patrick moved to Air Force Space Command HQ as the Inspector General space Operations team lead where he was charged with inspecting Air Force Space Command's combat readiness and warfighting effectiveness. Following Air Command and Staff College, Col Patrick commanded the 369th Recruiting Squadron, where he executed a \$1.2M budget to recruit the Nation's top talent from 1.8 sq miles including seven countries and five territories across the Pacific. He was then stationed at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe as the sole Space functional expert within the Headquarters, leading efforts to establish Space as an Operational Domain within NATO. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Patrick established NATO's Combined Force Space Component Command and the NATO Space Operations Centre and served as both the Chief of Staff of the Component and the Director of the Space Operations Centre at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



## EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Arts in History, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

2007 Master of Space Studies, American Military University, by correspondence

2012 Masters of Art/Science in Military Operations, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2012 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2024 Senior Leader Development Course - INDO-PACOM, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington D.C.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1 May 1998–1 January 1999, Satellite Operations Student, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Ca.
2. January 1999–August 1999, Satellite Operations Officer 4th Space Operations Squadron, Schiever AFB, Colo.
3. August 1999–March 1999, Operations Procedures Officer, 4th SOS, Schiever AFB, Colo.
4. March 1999–April 2001 Chief Command Section, 4th SOS, Schiever AFB, Colo.
5. April 2001–August 2001, Group Space Systems Evaluator, 50th Space Operations Group, Schiever AFB, Colo.
6. August 2001–January 2002, Chief Group Compliance Section Satellite, 50th SOG, Schiever AFB, Colo.
7. January 2002–January 2004, Satellite Operations Lead Instructor, 533rd Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Ca.



8. January 2002–August 2005, Executive Officer, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Ca.
9. August 2005–December 2007, Chief Satellite C2 Inspector, Inspector General Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. December 2007–October 2008, Executive Officer, Inspector General Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
11. October 2008–June 2010, Deputy Branch Chief Operations, Inspector General Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
12. June 2010–June 2012, Operations Officer, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. June 2012–June 2013, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. June 2012–June 2013, Operations Officer/Deputy Director of Staff, Spaatz Centre, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. June 2013–June 2014, Chief, Standardization and Evaluation, 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg AFB, Ca.
16. June 2014–Jun 2016, Commander, 369th Recruiting Squadron, Encino, Ca.
17. June 2016–Jun 2019, Staff Officer Space Operations, Mons, Belgium
18. June 2019–July 2024, Space Component Chief of Staff/Director NATO Space Centre, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
19. July 2024–Current, Commander, U.S. Space Forces Korea, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 2016–July 2019, Staff Officer Space Operations, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Mons, Belgium, as a Lt Col
2. July 2019–July 2024, Chief of Staff Combined Forces Space Component Command NATO, Allied Air Command, Ramstein AB, Germany, as a Colonel

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

NATO Meritorious Service Medal

Cruz Mérito Aeronáutico Con Distintivo Blanco (issued by Ministry of Defense for the Kingdom of Spain)

Joint Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant April 24, 1998

First Lieutenant April 24, 2000

Captain April 24, 2004

Major September 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 2013

Colonel December 1, 2023