

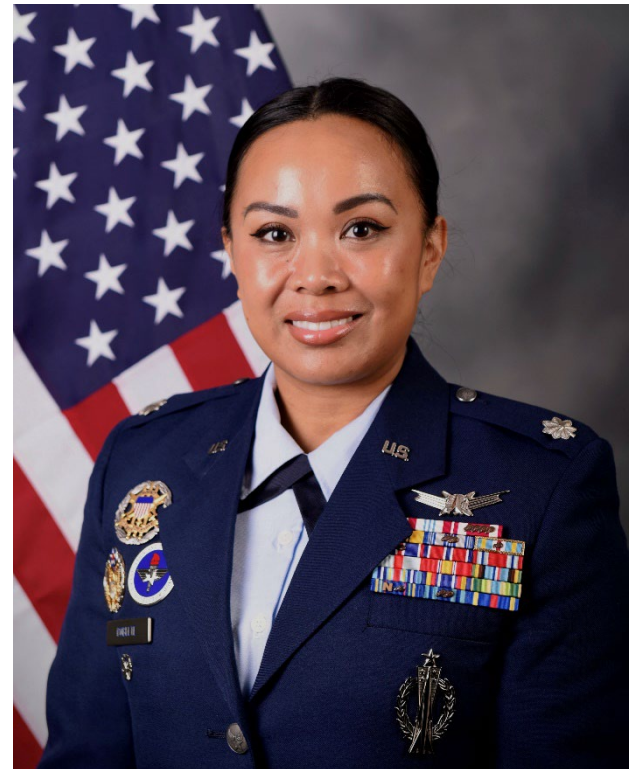


LIEUTENANT COLONEL KRISTINE E. “DOC” POBLETE

Lt Col Kristine E. Poblete is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 485 and Professor of Aerospace Studies at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. She is responsible for educating and training cadets from 11 collegiate-level schools to commission as second lieutenants in the United States Air and Space Forces.

Lt Col Poblete commissioned from Washington State University in May 2007 as a Nuclear and Missiles Operations Officer. She has served in a variety of leadership roles across the nuclear enterprise and at the Major Command, Air Staff, Secretariat, and Joint Staff levels. Previous assignments include Assistant Director of Operations for the 576th Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Flight Test Squadron at Vandenberg Space Force Base, and Deputy Director of the Commander’s Action Group and Legislative Liaison for Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command. At the Pentagon, she served as Chief of Strategic Communication for the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs and Executive Officer to the Air Force Director of Staff. She deployed to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, as Director of Host Nation Coordination in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

Prior to her current assignment, Lt Col Poblete was the Assistant Deputy Director for Operations Team Two and Presidential Strike Advisor at the National Military Command Center, Joint Staff Pentagon in Washington, D.C.



EDUCATION

- 2007 Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- 2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 ICBM REACT-A Operations Training, Air Education and Training Command, Vandenberg SFB, CA
- 2010 ICBM Center for Excellence Instructor Course, 20th Air Force, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
- 2013 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2013 Master of Science in Leadership Studies, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2015 Advanced Nuclear Concepts Course, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2017 Doctor of Education, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2024 Squadron Leadership Course, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 2008 – Sep 2011, ICBM Combat Crew Commander/Instructor, 320th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
2. Oct 2011 – Jul 2013, ICBM Codes Chief of Training, 90th Ops Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
3. Aug 2013 – Sep 2015, Chief of Training/Assistant Flight Commander, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, CA
4. Oct 2015 – Jan 2016, Flight Commander, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, CA
5. Feb 2016 – Jul 2017, Assistant Director of Operations, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, CA
6. Jul 2017 – Mar 2018, Chief of ICBM Operational Ground Test, HQ Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA
7. Apr 2018 – Jan 2019, Executive Officer to the Director of Operations and Communications, HQ Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA
8. Feb 2019 – Mar 2020, Legislative Liaison, HQ Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA
9. Apr 2020 – Jun 2020, Deputy Director, Commander’s Action Group, HQ Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA





10. Jul 2020 – May 2021, Chief of Strategic Communication, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. Jun 2021 – Aug 2022, Executive Officer to the Director of Staff, HQ Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. (Apr 2022 – Aug 2022, Director, Host Nation Coordination Office, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Air Force Central Command, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates)
12. July 2024 – present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 485, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 2022 – July 2024, Operations Officer then Presidential Strike Advisor and Assistant Deputy Director for Operations Team Two, Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations (J-36), National Military Command Center, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Recognition Award
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Nuclear Defense Operations Medal with N Device and oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2008 Academic Achievement Award, ICBM Initial Qualification Training
2018 Air Force Nuclear and Missile Operations Field Grade Officer of the Year
2019 Air Force Diversity and Inclusion Award
2020 Brigadier General Wilma Vaught Visionary Leadership Award
2023 Certified Presidential Strike Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

PUBLICATIONS

“Knowledge, Motivation, and Organization Influences on Persisting Leadership Demographics in a Military Organization: Perspectives on Diversity and Inclusion from Minority Female Officers,” ProQuest LLC, 2018 (dissertation presented in fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Education at the University of Southern California)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 23, 2007
First Lieutenant May 30, 2009
Captain May 30, 2011
Major Feb. 1, 2017
Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2022

(Current as of July 2024)

