



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 and Chair of the Department of Aerospace Studies at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She commands an elite cadre team and leads a multi-campus program commissioning cadets from 11 collegiate institutions into the United States Air and Space Forces. Under her leadership, Detachment 485 earned the Jeanne M. Holm Center Team of the Year Award for the first time in unit history, for exceptional performance in officer development.

Commissioned in 2007 as a Nuclear and Missiles Operations Officer, Lt Col Poblete has served in leadership roles across the major command, Air Staff, Secretariat, and Joint Staff levels. Lt Col Poblete notably served as Air Force Global Strike Command’s Legislative Liaison, directing Congressional engagements and co-authoring two Nuclear Force posture statements in defense of Air Force long-range precision strike forces. On Pentagon staff, she was Chief of Strategic Communication for the Nuclear Enterprise to the Secretary of the Air Force, then Executive Officer to the Air Force Director of Staff. Lt Col Poblete deployed to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, as Director of Host Nation Coordination in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and the Office of Defense Partnership, U.S. Embassy-Abu Dhabi.



Prior to her current assignment, she served on the Joint Staff as Assistant Deputy Director for Ops Team 2, Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, and Presidential Strike Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the National Military Command Center.

EDUCATION

- 2007 Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- 2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 Prerequisite Officer Space 100 Training, Air Education and Training Command, Vandenberg SFB, CA
- 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 in Organizational Change and Leadership, 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
- 2026 Air War College (correspondence), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 2007 – Apr 2008, Student, Space 100 & ICBM Operations Training, 392d Training Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, CA
2. Aug 2008 – Aug 2009, ICBM Combat Deputy Crew Commander, 320th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
3. Sep 2009 – Sep 2011, ICBM Instructor & Crew Commander, 90th Operations Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
4. Oct 2011 – Jul 2013, ICBM Codes Instructor & Chief of Training, 90th Ops Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
5. Aug 2013 – Sep 2015, Chief of Training & Assistant Flight Commander, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, CA
6. Oct 2015 – Jan 2016, Flight Commander, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, CA
7. Feb 2016 – Jul 2017, Assistant Director of Operations, 576th Flight Test Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, CA





8. Jul 2017 – Mar 2018, Chief of ICBM Operational Ground Test, HQ Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA
9. Apr 2018 – Jan 2019, Executive Officer to the Director of Operations and Communications (A3/6), HQ Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA
10. Feb 2019 – Mar 2020, Legislative Liaison, HQ Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA
11. Apr 2020 – Jun 2020, Deputy Director, Commander's Action Group, HQ Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA
12. Jul 2020 – May 2021, Chief of Strategic Communication, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. 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)
14. July 2024 – present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 485, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENT

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
2020 Brigadier General Wilma Vaught Visionary Leadership Award
2023 Certified Presidential Strike Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
2025 Headquarters Air Force ROTC Team of the Year
2025 Jeanne M. Holm Center Team of the Year

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 March 2026)

