



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALLEN G. BRANCO III

Lieutenant Colonel Allen Branco is the Commander of the 368th Training Squadron, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He leads 127 military and civilian instructors, military training leaders, and curriculum developers who train, inspire, and develop over 1,500 Airmen a year. The squadron operates four technical training schoolhouses that provide ready Airmen and leaders to Civil Engineer Squadrons and Logistics Readiness Squadrons across the Air Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Branco was commissioned in 2003 through Officer Training School. A career civil engineer officer, he has led Flights assigned to three Civil Engineer Squadrons, a RED HORSE Squadron, and a Combined Joint Counter-IED Task Force. He has served as a staff officer at Headquarters U.S. Air Force and on an Air Expeditionary Task Force staff. He has supported Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and NATO's Resolute Support mission while serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Qatar.



Prior to assuming his current position, he was the Commander of the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron at Eielson AFB, Alaska. Lieutenant Colonel Branco is qualified as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer and is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Nebraska.

EDUCATION:

2002 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Nebraska Omaha
2003 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2011 Master of Science in Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin
2013 Air Command and Staff College (non-resident)
2015 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 2003 - May 2006, Programmer, Deputy Engineering Flight Commander, and Readiness Flight Commander, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
2. May 2006 - May 2007, Airfield Construction Manager, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
3. May 2007 - March 2008, EOD Training, Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. March 2008 - July 2010, EOD Flight Commander, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
5. August 2010 - December 2011, Student, AF Institute of Technology Civilian Institute Program, Austin, Texas
6. January 2012 - June 2013, Engineering Flight Commander, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. June 2013 - June 2014, Operations Flight Commander, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
8. June 2014 - June 2015, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
9. July 2015 - May 2017, Air Force EOD Program Director, Directorate of Civil Engineers, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. May 2017 - June 2018, Executive Officer to the Air Force Director of Civil Engineers, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2018 - June 2020, Commander, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska
12. June 2020 - Present, Commander, 368th Training Squadron, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 27, 2003

First Lieutenant June 27, 2005
Captain June 27, 2007
Major Nov 1, 2013
Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2018

(Current as of Jun 2020)