



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MIKE “MONGO” KINGRY

Lt Col Michael Kingry is the Commander, 56th Rescue Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy. He commands European Command's only rotary-wing Combat Search and Rescue unit, consisting of 56 personnel across 5 AFSCs and 5 helicopters.

Lieutenant Colonel Kingry received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in June 2004. His service includes operational assignments as an instructor pilot flying the HH-60G in Air Combat Command, Pacific Air Forces and United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa. He also served as an instructor pilot at the United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada and completed the Air Force Legislative Fellowship on Capitol Hill prior to his service as Director of Operations for the 56th Rescue Squadron. He is a command pilot with over 2,300 total hours and 660 combat hours. He has accomplished combat deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Jordan in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, and OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE.



EDUCATION

2004 Bachelor of Science in History, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
2011 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2013 Masters in Military History, American Military University, VA
2014 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
2018 Certificate of Government Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington DC
2018 Intermediate Developmental Education, Air Force Legislative Fellowship, Washington DC

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 2004 – December 2005, Student, Joint Primary Flight Training, NAS Whiting Field, FL
2. December 2005 – June 2006, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Fort Rucker, AL
3. July 2006 – February 2007, HH-60G Mission Pilot Initial Qualification Course, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
4. March 2007 – August 2009, HH-60G Mission Pilot, Tactics Officer, 41st Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, GA
5. September 2009 - October 2010, HH-60G Flight Lead, Chief of Training, 41st Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, GA
6. November 2010 – June 2011, HH-60G Instructor Pilot, Chief of Training, 41st Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, GA
7. July 2011 – December 2011, Student, United States Air Force Weapons School, 34th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
8. January 2012 – September 2012, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
9. October 2012 – April 2013, Flight Commander, 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan

10. May 2013 – March 2014, Wing Chief of HH-60G Tactics, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan
11. April 2014 – April 2016, HH-60G Weapons Instructor Course Instructor Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 34th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
12. April 2016 – July 2016, Assistant Director of Operations, HH-60G Weapons Instructor Course Instructor Pilot, 34th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
13. August 2016 – November 2016, Commander's Action Group Deputy, HH-60G Weapons Instructor Course Instructor Pilot, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, NV
14. November 2016 – July 2017, Chief Commander's Action Group, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, NV
15. August 2017 – April 2019, Intermediate Developmental Education, Air Force Legislative Fellowship, Office of Congressman Rob Bishop, Washington DC
16. April 2019 – June 2020, Director of Operations, 56th Rescue Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
17. June 2020 - Present, Commander, 56th Rescue Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 2,327

Combat Hours: 667

Aircraft Flown: HH-60G, UH-1, T-34

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with twenty two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three devices

Iraq Campaign Medal with one device

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 1 June, 2004

First Lieutenant 1 June, 2006

Captain 1 June, 2008

Major 1 April, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel 1 September, 2018

(CURRENT AS OF MAR 2022)