

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Arrival of the Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation

Remarks

Colonel Nancy E. Taylor

*Lieutenant Colonel Brian
L. Willis*

Change of Command Ceremony

Remarks

*Lieutenant Colonel
Brandon S. Murphy*

Air Force Song

Departure of the Official Party

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Throughout military history, the orderly transfer of responsibility and authority from one commander to another has been an important tradition carried out in both war and peace. The organization flag, or guidon, symbolizes this authority of command during the Change of Command Ceremony. The outgoing squadron Commander, Lt Col Willis, relinquishes the guidon to the 306th Operations Group Commander, Col Taylor, who then passes the guidon to the new squadron Commander, Lt Col Murphy. This age-old tradition is an important part of our military heritage and ensures a single command authority at all times.

AIR FORCE SONG

A graphic featuring a stylized Air Force emblem, which is a shield with wings, a central circle, and a base. The emblem is rendered in a light gray, metallic-looking style. The lyrics of the Air Force Song are written in a blue, cursive font, with some words crossed out and new ones written in. The lyrics are: "Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun:
Here they come zooming to meet our
thunder.
At 'em now, Give 'em the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from
under.
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U. S. Air Force!"

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306TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON

Change of Command Ceremony



Lieutenant Colonel Brandon S. Murphy

Assumes Command from

Lieutenant Colonel Brian L. Willis

6 June 2025

*United States Air Force
Academy, Colorado*

COLONEL
NANCY E. TAYLOR

Colonel Nancy E. Taylor is the Commander of the 306th Flying Training Group, 12th Flying Training Wing, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado. The 306th Flying Training Group provides soaring, parachuting and powered flight as character building operations focused on enhancing the airmanship and leadership of USAFA and Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets. The Group also provides flight training for all Air Force officers scheduled to enter Pilot and Remotely Piloted Aircraft training. On an annual basis the 306th Flying Training Group trains more than 4,000 cadets and officers while operating the USAF's busiest visual flight rules airfield operated only during daylight hours.



Col Taylor received her commission in 2001 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy. She completed Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training in 2002 and has held a variety of key leadership positions at the squadron and group level. Col Taylor served as Joint Event Planner and Deputy Desk Officer for Pacific Command, Joint Staff J7, Suffolk, Virginia, the 61st Airlift Squadron Director of Operations and the Commander, 714th Training Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. Prior to her current assignment, Col Taylor was the Chief, Operational Imperative Integration Division, Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, Virginia.

Col Taylor is a Command Pilot with over 4,100 hours in the T-1A, C-130E/H, C-130J, and the T-53A. She has deployed and participated in support of numerous operations to include ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT, and has flown in support of Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
BRANDON S. MURPHY

Lieutenant Colonel Brandon S. Murphy is currently assigned to the 12th Flight Training Wing as the Director of Operations, 306th Operations Support Squadron, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado. There he leads 75 personnel to provide operational support to USAFA airmanship programs and Initial Flight Training across 5 squadrons, 120 aircraft, 10 airframes, 3 primary airfields, 23 parachute drop zones, and the Air Force's only Sailplane Landing Area. Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Murphy oversees the Air Force's busiest Aerial Events Shop, 4th busiest tower, airfield operations, scheduling, registrar, Host Aviation Resource Management, weather flight, and Aerospace Physiology Altitude Chamber to execute 120,000 flight operations a year. Furthermore, he provides direct support to the Air Force's Parachute Demonstration Team, the Wings of Blue, as a UV-18B pilot.

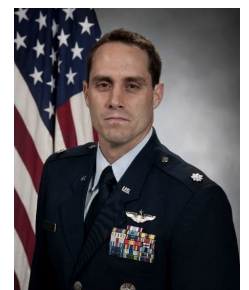


Lieutenant Colonel Murphy graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2007 with a Bachelor's degree in Systems Engineering Management. He went on to earn a Master of Military Operation Art and Science and Master of Philosophy in Military Strategy from Air University. Since commissioning, Colonel Murphy has had various flying assignments conducting Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance and Strategic Airlift. His experience includes more than 200 combat missions supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN.

Lt Col Murphy is a distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy's Systems Engineering Management Department, distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, and graduate of the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. He is a senior pilot with nearly 1,000 combat hours.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
BRIAN L. WILLIS

Lieutenant Colonel Brian L. Willis is the Commander of the 306th Operations Support Squadron, 306th Flying Training Group, 12th Flying Training Wing, United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colorado. The 306th Operations Support Squadron enables all soaring, parachuting, and powered flight programs for USAFA, designed to enhance the airmanship and leadership development of USAFA cadets. The 306th Operations Support Squadron also provides aerospace physiology training for Air Force officers scheduled to enter Pilot or Combat Systems Operator training. On an annual basis, the 306th Operations Support Squadron operates the USAF's busiest day – Visual Flight Rules airfield and supports over 25,000 sorties and jump operations.



Lieutenant Colonel Willis received his commission from USAFA in 2005. After earning his pilot wings at Vance AFB, Oklahoma in 2008, he served in various duties as a C-17A Evaluator Aircraft Commander, including serving as the Deputy Chief of Nuclear Operations for the only unit in the Department of Defense tasked to airlift nuclear cargo. Lieutenant Colonel Willis also served as the Strategic Analysis Branch Chief and Lead Strategist at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's China Strategic Focus Group, where he advised senior leaders on U.S.-China relations and China's military strategy.

Lieutenant Colonel Willis is a Senior Pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, including over 500 combat hours in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. He is also a Fulbright Scholar, has a Ph.D. in Political Science and International Affairs, and is highly proficient in Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese.