

Rotary



Rotary Club of Tullahoma October 7, 2022 What's A Cookin

Meal Service: 11:50

Program: 12:15

Club Leaders

Jack Thoma
President

Anthony Watts
President-Elect

Rachel Ferrell
Vice President

Brian Coate
Secretary

Linda Bean
Treasurer

Jody Baltz
iPast President

Hank Jordan
Club Administration Chair

Anthony Watts
Service Projects Chair

Jim Woodard
Club Membership Chair

Rachel Ferrell
Public Relations Chair

Upcoming Schedule

October 13 - Social/Network -
Ole Shed - 5 - 8pm
October 14 - no meeting
October 20 - 5 Loaves 4 Kids -
packing @ 8:45am
October 21 - Coffee County
Mayor Judd Matheny

October 7 - Colonel Randel J. Gordon



Joining us on October 7th is Colonel Randel "Laz" Gordon, commander of the Arnold Engineering Development Complex. Col. Gordon assumed in June 2022.

Col Gordon was born in Poughkeepsie, New York and received his commission in 1998 from the United States Air Force Academy. Prior to this assignment, he was the initial cadre director for the Secretary of the Air Force's Artificial Intelligence Accelerator with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He also served as initial cadre for the Secretary of the Air Force's AFWERX technology innovation team with private sector business and academia. Col Gordon is a Presidential Fellow, Harvard Business School Alumnus, Defense Advanced Projects Research Agency (DARPA) Fellow, MIT Fellow, and holds a doctorate from the US Air Force's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies.

He served the F-22 Combined Test Force as its commander and has additional flight test pilot experience in the F-15C/E, A-10A/C, F-16A/C, Bombardier BD-700 Global Express business jet, and 70 other military and civilian aircraft. His most recent assignment was as the 412th Test Wing Vice Commander.

EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Engineering, Minor in Mathematics, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2006 Master of Science, Aeronautical Engineering/Systems Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2010 Master of Philosophy/Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Doctorate of Philosophy, Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Harvard Business School Alumnus, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998-August 1999, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. October 1999-December 1999, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, Mass.
3. January 2000-June 2000, Student, F-15C Replacement Training Unit, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. July 2000-December 2003, F-15C Fighter Pilot/Flight Lead, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
5. February 2004-June 2005, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. July 2005-July 2006, Student, Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
7. September 2006-June 2010, F-15C/E Instructor, A-10A/C, BD-700 Experimental Test Pilot and Chief of Flight Safety, 40th Flight test Squadron and Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.
8. June 2010-June 2011, Student, Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2011-June 2014, DARPA Fellow, Future Capabilities, Joint Innovation & Experimentation, US Pacific Command (USPACOM), Camp Smith, Hawaii
10. July 2014-June 2017, F-22 Commander/Director of Operations, 411th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Cali.
11. July 2017-August 2018, Fellow, Harvard Business School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
12. June 2018-June 2019, Test and Evaluation Lead, AFWERX Initial Cadre, Cambridge, Mass.
13. June 2019-June 2020, Director, USAF/MIT Artificial Intelligence Accelerator Initial Cadre, Cambridge, Mass.
14. July 2020 - June 2022, Vice Commander, 412th Test Wing, Edwards AFB, Calif.
15. June 2022 - Present, Commander, Arnold Engineering Development Complex, Arnold AFB,

Tenn.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

- Rating: Command pilot
- Hours Flown: More than 3,000
- Aircraft Flown: F-22A, F-15C/E, A-10A/A+/C, BD-700 (E-11 BACN), F-16A/C, and 70 others

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
- Air Medal
- Aerial Achievement Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters
- Joint Service Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Thursday October 13 - Ole Shed Brewery

By Hank Jordan on Sunday, September 25, 2022

On Thursday October 13th, our Club will be hosting a social and networking event at Ole Shed Brewery from 5 - 8 pm. Please bring family and friends, as well as prospective members. There will be a live band and food trucks on site. Ole Shed Brewery is located at 561 E. Carroll St.