



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOHN C. JOHNSON

Colonel John C. "Chris" Johnson is currently assigned as the Chief Appellate Military Judge, U.S. Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals.

Colonel Johnson was born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and grew up in North Carolina, Los Angeles, and Saudi Arabia. Colonel Johnson entered the United States Air Force in November 1996 pursuant to a direct commission. He is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of North Carolina, the United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court.



EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (with Honors), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1996 Juris Doctor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, Seminar
- 2006 Master of Laws (with Highest Honors), The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 2011 Air War College, Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1996 - July 1999, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 20 FW, Shaw AFB, SC
2. July 1999 - June 2001, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 18 WG, Kadena AB, Japan
3. June 2001 - July 2003, Area Defense Counsel, AFLSA, Kadena AB, Japan
4. August 2003 - July 2005, Appellate Government Counsel, AFLSA, Bolling AFB, DC
5. August 2005 - June 2006, Student, 54th Graduate Course, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, VA
6. July 2006 - July 2009, Instructor, Civil Law Division, and Chief, Operations and International Law, The Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, AL
(October 2007 - April 2008, Deployed to Regime Crimes Liaison's Office, Baghdad, Iraq)
7. July 2009 - July 2012, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 633 ABW, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
8. July 2012 - July 2014, Staff Judge Advocate, 51 FW, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
9. July 2014 - July 2016, Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force Inspection Agency, Kirtland AFB, NM
10. July 2016 - January 2020, Appellate Military Judge and Senior Appellate Military Judge, U.S. Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, Joint Base Andrews, MD
11. January 2020 - Present, Chief Appellate Military Judge, U.S. Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, Joint Base Andrews, MD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC)
Air Force Commendation Medal (1 OLC)
Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (3 OLC)
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (2 OLC)
Iraq Campaign Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
2010 Air Combat Command Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the Year
2009 Judge Advocates Association Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney Award
54th Graduate Course, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School - Highest Honors
54th Graduate Course, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School - Major General George S. Prugh Award for Writing Excellence in International and Operational Law
54th Graduate Course, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School - Major Paul P. Dommer Award for Highest Class Standing in International and Operational Law

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	10 November 1996
Captain	10 May 1997
Major	1 July 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	1 September 2009
Colonel	1 October 2015

(Current as of January 2020)