



CAREY JONES

Former 47th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, Fighter Pilot, Instructor

Colonel Carey J. Jones is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 20 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. She is responsible for the formal training and education of over 110 officer candidates and serves on the University of Arizona faculty as Professor of Aerospace Studies and National Security instructor.

Carey was raised in an Army family and received a commission in 1996 as a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She served as an F-15E Weapons Systems Officer for five years before transitioning to be an F-15C pilot. She has performed duties as an Aggressor, operations officer, and squadron commander for the unit responsible for producing all Air Force tactics, techniques, and procedures. She is also a joint-qualified officer and grand strategist, previously serving as the Strategy Division Chief for USAFE-AFAFRICA, where she developed the airpower strategy for Europe and Africa, and as the Director of Training and Education in the Joint Functional Component Command-Integrated Missile Defense. Col Jones has participated in multiple contingencies, including Operations NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and NOBLE EAGLE. She served as a T-38 Instructor Pilot and the first female commander of the 47th Operations Group at Laughlin Air Force Base, where she also served as the 47th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander.

Carey met her husband in pilot training and were stationed together as he flew F-15Cs, F-22s, and F-16s, where he finished his AF career as Lead Solo for the Air Force Thunderbirds. They have twin 12 year old girls, Tally and Jet. Carey enjoys singing at church, fitness, cooking and spending time with her family.