

**PRESIDING OFFICIAL:  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES C. MELVIN III**



Lieutenant Colonel James C. Melvin is the Deputy Commander, 4th Mission Support Group, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, North Carolina. As the deputy commander, Lieutenant Colonel Melvin is responsible for the leadership of six squadrons including specialties such as the Wing's civil engineers, communications and computer systems support, security and law enforcement, logistics readiness deployment and distribution, materiel management, vehicle management, and fuels management operations, contracting and procurement, personnel support, education, food services as well as housing, fitness, and recreational activities. Through these efforts he supports more than 13,000 people.

Lieutenant Colonel Melvin earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1998 and is a 2003 graduate of Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He has served in a variety of operational and leadership positions at the group, wing, staff and combatant command levels to include four deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan supporting Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. Prior to his current assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Melvin was a Civil Engineer Squadron Commander in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**EDUCATION**

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.
- 2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2009 Master of Business Administration, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.
- 2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2017 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2017 Joint Professional Military Education Phase II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk Va.
- 2019 Georgetown Governmental Affairs Institute Certificate Program

**INCOMING COMMANDER:  
MAJOR LUIS M. LINARES-AYALA**



Maj Luis M. Linares-Ayala is the Commander, 8th Force Support Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. In this capacity, he leads nine diverse flights comprised of over 360 military and civilian personnel. Maj Linares-Ayala oversees base support functions including Morale, Welfare, & Recreation, Military and Civilian Personnel, Manpower & Organization, Education & Training, Military & Family Readiness, Mortuary Affairs, & Base Honor Guard for over 4,000 base personnel. He is responsible for providing operational leadership oversight for 48 facilities with a combined \$7.4 million annual Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) and Appropriated Fund (APF) operating budget.

Maj Linares-Ayala received his commission from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2010 with a degree in Psychology. His thirteen-year active duty career has spanned a variety of positions, both in garrison and deployed, including: Operations Officer, Afghanistan Air Advisor, Protocol, Executive Officer, Readiness, Manpower, and Military Personnel. Maj Linares-Ayala has been stationed in North Dakota, California, Germany, New Mexico, and Kansas with multiple deployments to Southwest Asia.

Prior to his current position, the Major was a student at the United States Army's Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

**EDUCATION**

- 2010 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2011 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2023 Masters of Operational Studies, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*Welcome*

*Introduction*

*Arrival of the Official Party*

*National Anthem Invocation*

*Remarks by*

*Lt Col James Melvin*

*Assumption of Command*

*Remarks by*

*Maj Luis Linares-Ayala*

*Air Force Song*

*Departure of the Official Party*

*Reception in back of Eagles Landing Ballroom*

***The Air Force Song***

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder*

*Climbing high into the sun*

*Here they come zooming to meet our thunder*

*At'em now, giv'em the gun!*

*Down we dive, spouting our flames from under*

*Off with one helluva roar!*

*We live in fame or go down in flame*

*Nothing'll stop the US Air Force!*

**4th Force Support Squadron  
Assumption of Command  
Ceremony**



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Goldsboro, North Carolina