

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SYLDAN THOMPSON
COMMANDING OFFICER
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Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) Syldan THOMPSON has served in the Jamaica Defence Force since September 2002, with most of those years spent in the Jamaica Defence Force Air Wing (JDF AW). He is currently the Commanding Officer at the JDF AW, having previously served as Assistant Inspector General (Standards and Safety), Second-in-Command at the Directorate of Training and Doctrine, Chief Instructor, Caribbean Military Aviation School (CMAS) and Operations Officer, JDF AW.

He completed his Initial Officer's Training at the Royal Air Force College Cranwell and was commissioned in the rank of Second Lieutenant in 2003. Since then, Lt Col THOMPSON has progressed as a military aviator beginning with Basic Pilot Training at 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School in 2004 and has been an aircraft captain on several JDF aircraft to include the Bell 429, Bell 407, Bell 206, Bell 412, and Diamond DA40.

He is also a Qualified Flight Instructor and Standards Officer on a number of JDF aircraft and is also an Instrument Check pilot. He holds civilian pilot certifications from the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), Transport Canada, The Federal Aviation Authority and the Trinidad and Tobago Aviation Authority.

Lt Col THOMPSON has conducted a wide spectrum of aviation operations and has participated in regional seminars on Countering Trans-National Threats and on Aviation Enterprise Development. He holds a MSc in National Security and Strategic Studies from the University of the West Indies (UWI). He is a Justice of the Peace in the Parish of St Andrew and is a recipient of the Medal of Honour for Meritorious Service, the Medal of Honour for General Service with "Clasp" Jamaica, and the Medal of Honour for Long Service and Good Conduct.