



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL STEVEN J. TITTEL

Colonel Steven J. Tittel is the Commander, 603d Air Operations Center, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. In this capacity, he leads 578 Airmen, Soldiers, and Sailors executing command and control of air, information, and space operations throughout the European and African theaters of operation. The 603d Air Operations Center forms the core of the Falconer Weapon System for the United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa.

Colonel Tittel received his commission from the University of Kansas in May 1995. He is a command pilot with more than 2,300 hours in fighter aircraft, and has served as an instructor pilot, flight examiner, weapons officer, and operational test pilot in the F-16 and F-35. He has operational experience in Southwest Asia, and Far East Asia, including Operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. Prior to taking command of the 603d, Colonel Tittel served as Vice Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- 1995 Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- 2003 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, USAF Weapons School, Nellis, AFB, NV
- 2009 Master of Military Arts and Science, Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS
- 2010 Master of Operational Arts and Science, School of Advanced Military Studies, Ft Leavenworth, KS
- 2016 Master of Airpower Strategy and Technology Integration, USAF Center for Strategy and Technology, Maxwell AFB, AL.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jan 1996 - Feb 1997, student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, TX.
2. Feb 1997 - Jun 1997, student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Randolph AFB, TX.
3. Jun 1997 - Mar 1998, student, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, Luke AFB, AZ.
4. Mar 1998 - May 1999, Asst. Ops Scheduler, 35th FS, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea.
5. May 1999 - Mar 2002, Flight Commander, 79th FS, Shaw AFB, SC.
6. Mar 2002 - Dec 2004, Weapons Officer, 14th and 13th FS, Misawa AB, Japan.
7. Dec 2004 - May 2008, F-16 Division Commander, 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV.
8. May 2008 - Jun 2009, student, US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

9. Jun 2009 - Jun 2010, student, US Army School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, KS.
10. Aug 2010 - Jun 2011, Director of Operations, 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron, Edwards AFB, CA.
11. Jun 2011 - May 2013, Commander, 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron, Edwards AFB, CA.
12. Jun 2013 - Jun 2014, Deputy Commander, 8th Operations Group, Kunsan Air Base, ROK.
13. Jul 2014 - Jul 2015, Chief, Strategy Div., 613th Air Operations Center, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI.
14. Aug 2015 - Jun 2016, Blue Horizons Fellow, Center For Strategy and Technology, Maxwell AFB, AL.
15. Jul 2016 - Jun 2017, Chief, Combat Plans Division, 607th Air Operations Center, Osan Air Base, ROK.
16. Jul 2017 - Jul 2018, Vice Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, ROK.
17. Aug 2018 - Jul 2020, Vice Commander, 3rd Air Force, Ramstein AB, DE.
18. Jul 2020 - present, Commander, 603d Air Operations Center, Ramstein AB, DE.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 2,600 hours

Aircraft Flown: T-3A, T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-16 A/B/C/D, F-35A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross w/Valor

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 09, 1995

First Lieutenant June 09, 1997

Captain June 09, 1999

Major November 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel September 1, 2010

Colonel December 1, 2016

(Current as of July 2020)