



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MARK H. WHITE

Colonel Mark H. White is the Commander, 170th Group at Offutt AFB, Nebraska. The 170<sup>th</sup> Group provides Total Force integration of Air National Guard personnel into 55<sup>th</sup> Wing operations. ANG members train and execute with active duty members in providing ground and flight training to aircrew personnel as well as supporting worldwide employment of the 55<sup>th</sup> Wing's missions.

Colonel White received his commission through Officer Training School in 1988 after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. He then attended Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training (SUNT) where he graduated as the Top Graduate of his SUNT class and the Top and Distinguished Graduate of his Electronic Warfare Officer class.

His next assignment was B-52 Combat Crew Training School where he was also a Distinguished Graduate. He served as a B-52G EWO from 1988 to 1991. In 1992, he transitioned to the RC-135 RIVET JOINT. He served as an instructor and evaluator Tactical Coordinator and was selected to attend the USAF Weapons School. Upon graduating in 1995 as a Distinguished Graduate of the USAF Weapons School, Colonel White served as a RJ Weapons and Tactics Officer. In 1997, he was chosen as a USAF Weapons School instructor. At Nellis AFB, Nevada, he served from 1997 to 2000 as Instructor and Assistant Operations Officer. In 2000, he returned to the 55<sup>th</sup> Wing serving in Advanced Programs and as the Chief of 55<sup>th</sup> Wing Weapons and Tactics until he accepted a position as an Active Guard and Reserve member in the Nebraska Air National Guard. In addition to his current position, he also served as the 170th Operations Support Squadron's Commander and Operations Officer as well as the deployed Commander of the 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Southwest Asia. He's flown most combat and contingency operations since 1991 to include operations SOUTHERN WATCH, PROVIDE COMFORT, DENY FLIGHT, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Colonel White is an instructor and evaluator Electronic Warfare Officer with more than 4,500 hours flying hours.



#### **EDUCATION:**

- 1987 Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Purdue University, Indiana
- 1994 Squadron Officer School
- 1994 Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University, Michigan
- 1995 USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- 2000 Air Command and Staff College
- 2006 Air War College

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. 1988-1989, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather AFB, California
2. 1989, Student, B-52 Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, California
3. 1988-1991, B-52G Electronic Warfare Officer, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan
4. 1992 - 1995, Instructor and Evaluator Tactical Coordinator, 343rd Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska

5. 1995, Student, USAF Weapons School; Nellis AFB, Nevada
6. 1995 – 1997, RIVET JOINT Weapons and Tactics Officer, 343rd Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
7. 1997 – 2000, Instructor and Assistant Operations Officer; USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
8. 2000 – 2002, Chief, Weapons and Tactics and Advanced Programs, 55<sup>th</sup> Wing, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
9. 2002 – 2003, Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, Det. 1, Headquarters Nebraska Air National Guard, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
10. 2003 – 2007, Operations Officer, 170<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
11. 2006, Commander, 763th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Southwest Asia
12. 2007, Commander, 170<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
13. 2007 – Present, Commander, 170<sup>th</sup> Group, Offutt AFB, Nebraska

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Electronic Warfare Officer

Flight hours: More than 4,500 with 1,400+ combat and combat support hours

Aircraft flown: B-52 and RC-135 (RIVET JOINT)

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Top Graduate, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, ATC Commander's Trophy  
 Distinguished Graduate, Electronic Warfare Officer Training, Colonel Mike Gilroy and AOC "Super Crow" Awards  
 Distinguished Graduate, USAF Weapons School  
 Meritorious Service Medal with 2 devices  
 Air Medal with 1 device  
 Aerial Achievement Medal with 8 devices  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Joint Service Achievement Medal  
 Meritorious Unit Award with 1 device  
 AF Outstanding Unit Award with 5 devices  
 AF Organizational Excellence Award  
 Combat Readiness Medal with 2 devices  
 National Defense Service Medal with 1 device  
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 device  
 Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Armed Forces Service Medal  
 AF Overseas Ribbon Long  
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
 AF Longevity Service with 4 devices  
 AF Training Ribbon  
 NATO Medal  
 Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	April 1988
First Lieutenant	April 1990
Captain	April 1992
Major	September 1999
Lieutenant Colonel	September 2003
Colonel	November 2008

(Current as of January 2009)