



## BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



### COLONEL DENNIS B. HAYWARD

Colonel Dennis B. Hayward is Commander of the Mission Support Group of the 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard at the Municipal Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Mission Support Group provides Air Base support functions for the 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and deploys these expeditionary forces in support of the Global War on Terror, contingency operations, and humanitarian relief.



Colonel Hayward joined the ANG in 1984 and Graduated from Officer Training at the ANG Academy of Military Science. He attended Undergraduate Navigator Training and Tactical Navigation Training at Mather AFB, CA. Following RF-4C Initial Qualification Training, he returned to Mather AFB and attended Electronic Warfare Officer School. He was then heavily involved in the development and operational testing of the Navigation and Weapons Delivery System (NWDS) for the RF-4C with Detachment 1, ANG and AFRES Test Center at Eglin AFB, FL from 1988 to 1990. After attending the RF-4C Instructor School in 1991, he was invited to instruct at the RF-4C Replacement Training Unit at Boise ID until the spring of 1992. He then served both as a flight instructor and the main academic instructor on a Mobile Training Team that taught foreign instructors how to employ the NWDS in both the Spanish and Korean Air Forces. In 1993 he attended KC-135 CCTS at Castle AFB, CA, and completed KC-135 CFIC at Altus AFB, OK in 1994. Colonel Hayward was hired full time in 1994 and served as the Assistant Chief of Training for the 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Group. He moved to the OPS Group in 1995 as the Deputy Chief of Standards and Evaluations (Stan/Eval). In 2001 he became the Chief of Stan/Eval. He assumed command of 155 OSF in July, 2003 and was appointed Air Operations Officer in January 2004. In 2004 he deployed as the Commander 90<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at Incirlik AB, Turkey. Colonel Hayward moved to the Wing Staff in April of 2006 as Chief of Wing Plans and focused the Wing preparing for the Unit Compliance Inspection. In January of 2008 Colonel Hayward assumed command of the Mission Support Group and serves in that capacity.

Colonel Hayward has commanded at the Detachment, Flight, Squadron, and Group-levels and participated in many combat and contingency operations including Uphold Democracy, Decisive Endeavor, Deliberate Guard, Deliberate Forge, Allied Force, Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Humanitarian missions include Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

#### EDUCATION:

- 1988 U.S. Air Force Electronic Warfare School, Mather AFB, CA
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
- 2007 Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2008 Air War College, Correspondence

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

- June 1984 - March 1985, student, Undergraduate Navigator Training and Tactical Navigation Training, Mather AFB, California

## **ASSIGNMENTS cont:**

April 1985 - November 1985, student, RF-4C Replacement Training Unit, 189th Tactical Reconnaissance Training Flight, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho  
December 1985 - October 1987, RF-4C Weapon Systems Officer, 173rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska  
November 1987 - May 1988, Student, Electronic Warfare Officer School, Mather AFB, California  
June 1988 - June 1993, RF-4C weapons and tactics officer, 173rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska  
June 1993 - September 1993, student, KC-135R Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, California  
September 1993 - October 1995, KC-135R Instructor navigator and Assistant Chief of Training Flight, 155th Operations Group, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska  
October 1995 - August 2001, KC-135R Evaluator navigator and Deputy Chief of Standards and Evaluations, 155th Operations Group, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska  
August 2001 - July 2003, KC-135R Evaluator navigator and Chief of Standards and Evaluations, 155th Operations Group, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska  
July 2003 - April 2006, Commander, 155<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Flight, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska  
April 2006 - January 2008, KC-135R Evaluator navigator and Chief Wing Plans, 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska  
January 2008 - Present, Commander, 155th Mission Support Group, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight Hours: Over 3,000

Aircraft Flown: T-37B, T-43A, RF-4C, KC-135R/T

## **MAJOR AWARDS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal with eight oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with service star  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one devices  
Kosovo Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal with two devices  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device  
NATO Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	May 24, 1984
First Lieutenant	May 24, 1987
Captain	Nov. 15, 1990
Major	Dec. 1, 1997
Lieutenant Colonel	Sept. 15, 2003
Colonel	Nov. 18, 2008