



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL TRAVIS A. STEEN

Colonel Travis Steen is the Commander, 1st Weather Group, Offutt AFB, NE. He leads more than 970 active duty and civil service personnel assigned to six worldwide, geographically separated Operational Weather Squadrons and the Tri-Agency Next Generation Weather Operations Center. The Group is responsible for providing decision-quality forecasts, weather threat assessments, severe weather warnings, and aircrew mission briefings to Air Force, Army, Guard, and Reserve forces located at 530 DoD installations across all unified commands protecting more than 2 million military personnel and their families and almost a trillion dollars in DoD assets.

Colonel Steen was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1992 after earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University. He has served in a variety of positions supporting the Air Force, Army, Joint, Combined and Interagency communities where he's overseen weather support for Air Force One; was the Director of Operations for the Air Force's Combat Weather Center; commanded the 607th Weather Squadron where he also served as the U.S. Forces Korea Senior Meteorological and Oceanographic Officer; led the development of global Foundation Geospatial-Intelligence imagery collection strategies for the U.S. Government; and in his last assignment served as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's senior military advisor for Meteorological and Oceanographic (METOC) issues and Chief of Staff of the International Military Staff's Crisis Management Organization. Additionally, Colonel Steen has led three combat weather teams supporting Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM and NOBLE EAGLE. His staff assignments include serving as Executive Officer for the 89th Airlift Wing, Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, and Weather Staff Officer for the Director of Weather, Headquarters US Air Force. Prior to his current position, Colonel Steen was the Senior Meteorological and Oceanographic Officer, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels, Belgium.



### EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science in Meteorology, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Master of Science in Meteorology, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2007 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Arts in Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2014 Masters of Arts in National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. March 1993 – March 1994, Division Weather Officer, Detachment 3, 5th Weather Squadron, Camp Red Cloud, Republic of Korea
2. March 1994 – July 1997, Command Weather Briefer, 21st Operational Support Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
3. July 1997 – April 1999, Graduate Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. April 1999 – May 2002, Officer-In-Charge, Radar Meteorology Applications; Deputy Chief, Training Requirements Branch; and Chief, Training Requirements Branch, Headquarters Air Force Weather Agency, Offutt AFB, Neb.
5. May 2002 – February 2004, Weather Flight Commander, 89th Operational Support Squadron, Andrews AFB, Md.
6. February 2004 – April 2005, Wing Executive Officer, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, Md.
7. April 2005 – July 2006, Chief, Congressional Strategy, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
8. July 2006 – July 2007, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2007 – June 2009, Director of Operations, Air Force Combat Weather Center, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. June 2009 – June 2011, Commander, 607th Weather Squadron, U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, Republic of Korea
11. July 2011 – July 2013, Deputy Chief, Weather Resources and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2013 – June 2014, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. June 2014 – May 2016, Senior Meteorological and Oceanographic Officer, National System for Geospatial Intelligence, Headquarters National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Springfield, Va.
14. May 2016 – July 2018, Senior Meteorological and Oceanographic Officer, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels, Belgium
15. July 2018 – Present, Commander, 1st Weather Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2014 – May 2016, Senior Meteorological and Oceanographic Officer, National System for Geospatial Intelligence, Headquarters National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Springfield, Virginia, as a lieutenant colonel and colonel
2. May 2016 – July 2018, Senior Meteorological and Oceanographic Officer, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels, Belgium, as a colonel

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor device and eight oak leaf clusters

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korea Service Medal

## **BADGES**

Basic Parachutist Badge

Basic Space Badge

Master Meteorologist Badge

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Jan. 25, 1993

First Lieutenant Jan. 25, 1995

Captain Jan. 25, 1997

Major Jun. 1, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel Jul. 1, 2008

Colonel Nov. 1, 2014

*(Current as of August 2018)*