



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL STEVEN E. VILPORS

Colonel Steven Vilpors is the Vice Commander, 557th Weather Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. The wing consists of more than 1,450 active duty and civil service personnel at 18 locations around the world providing centralized weather products and services, including climatological and space weather support to Air Force, Army, Joint Force, and other Department of Defense activities. The wing executes worldwide weather operations to enable air and space superiority, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, rapid global mobility, global strike, and command and control in support of all geographic and functional combatant commands.

Colonel Vilpors is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Meteorology and received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He has held a variety of positions at the Squadron, Group, Wing, Major Command, Air Staff, and Joint Staff levels. His assignments include Officer-in-Charge, 24th Combat Aviation Brigade and 3rd Infantry Division Combat Weather Teams; Typhoon Duty Officer at The Joint Typhoon Warning Center; Weather Flight Commander, 325th Fighter Wing; Strategist, Checkmate, Headquarters Air Staff; and Deputy Commander, 2nd Weather Group. In 2011, he commanded the 22nd Expeditionary Weather Squadron, Camp Victory, Iraq, as U.S. forces concluded Operation NEW DAWN in Iraq.



Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Vilpors was Principal Division Chief, Deputy Directorate for Political-Military Affairs-Middle East, Strategy Plans and Policy Directorate (J5), the Joint Staff.

### EDUCATION

- 1995 B.S., Meteorology, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa.
- 2001 M.S., Tropical Meteorology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.
- 2003 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 2009 M.A., National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.
- 2011 Air War College (correspondence)
- 2017 M.A., Strategic Studies, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 - June 1996, OIC Combat Weather Team (24th Combat Aviation Brigade), 15th Air Support Operations Squadron, Hunter Army Air Field, Ga.
2. June 1996 - July 1997, OIC Combat Weather Team (3d Infantry Division), 15th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Stewart, Ga.
3. July 1997 - July 1999, Squadron Operations Weather Officer, 18th Fighter Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
4. May 1999 - May 2001, Student, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.

5. May 2001 - September 2002, Typhoon Duty Officer, Joint Typhoon Warning Center, 17th Operational Weather Squadron, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
6. September 2002 - June 2004, Chief, Operations Support, Joint Typhoon Warning Center, 17th Operational Weather Squadron, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
7. June 2004 - March 2007, Commander, Weather Flight, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. March 2007 - July 2008, Assistant Director of Operations, 325th Operations Support Squadron, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
9. June 2008 - July 2009, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.
10. July 2009 - December 2011, Chief, Career Field Management Branch, Directorate of Weather, Headquarters Air Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. January 2011 - December 2011, Commander, 22nd Expeditionary Weather Squadron (and US Forces-Iraq Staff Weather Officer), 368th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Group (AFCENT), Camp Victory, Iraq
12. January 2012 - August 2013, Strategist, Checkmate, Operational Planning, Policy & Strategy (A5), Headquarters Air Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. August 2013 - July 2015, Deputy Commander, 2nd Weather Group, 557th Weather Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.; and Wing Inspector General, 557th Weather Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb. (January 2014-July 2014)
14. July 2015 - July 2016, Deputy, Weather Requirements Division (OL-Offutt), Directorate of Plans, Programs, and Requirements (A5/8/9), Headquarters Air Combat Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
15. July 2016 - June 2017, Student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
16. June 2017 - May 2018, Deputy Chief, Iran, Iraq, and Syria Division, Deputy Directorate for Political-Military Affairs-Middle East, Strategy Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. May 2018 - September 2018, Chief, Arabian Peninsula Division, Deputy Directorate for Political-Military Affairs-Middle East, Strategy Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. September 2018 - July 2019, Principal Division Chief, Deputy Directorate for Political-Military Affairs-Middle East, Strategy Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. July 2019 - Present, Vice Commander, 557th Weather Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Jun 2017 – July 2019, Deputy Directorate for Political-Military Affairs-Middle East, Strategy Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
 Bronze Star  
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Service Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Army Commendation Medal  
 Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 6 oak leaf clusters  
 Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation  
 Iraq Campaign Medal  
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service medal with oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	May 31, 1995
First Lieutenant	May 31, 1997
Captain	May 31, 1999
Major	Oct. 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	Aug. 1, 2010
Colonel	Nov. 1, 2016

*(Current as of August 2019)*