



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SCOTT D. KOECKRITZ

Lieutenant Colonel Scott D. Koeckritz is the Commander of the 19th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He is responsible for the training and combat preparation of the unit's Air Liaison Officers, Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, and Logistics Support personnel. He plans and executes participation in Army, Air Force, joint, and task force combined arms exercises and is charged to organize, train, equip, and deploy Tactical Air Control Party members in support of the 18th Airborne Corps operations.



Lt Colonel Koeckritz gained his commission in 1998 through Officer Training School and after earning his Navigator wings in Pensacola NAS, FL he was selected to fly the B-1B. As a Weapons System Officer in the B-1B, Lt Col Koeckritz served as an Instructor and Mission Commander and flew over 60 combat missions in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2009, Lt Col Koeckritz was selected as an Air Force Fellow where he worked at the Secretary of the Air Force's Public Affairs office in Washington DC after completing his Master's degree in Communication at George Mason University, VA. In 2012 he was selected for the SECDEF's AFPAK HANDS program where after extensive culture and language training, Lt Col Koeckritz spent one year in Afghanistan as the personal advisor for the Kabul City Police Chief.

Lieutenant Colonel Koeckritz is a Senior Navigator with 2,000 hours in bomber and training aircraft to include over 1,800 total hours and 775 combat hours in the B-1B aircraft. He is married and has two daughters.

EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Arts, Applied Science, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX.
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL by correspondence.
- 2010 Masters of Arts, Communications, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.
- 2013 Air War College, Maxwell Air force Base, AL by correspondence.

(Current as of May 2015)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Feb 1990 - Mar 1994, Fuels Specialist, 63rd Military Airlift Wing, Norton AFB, CA
2. Apr 1994 - Apr 1998, Fuels Specialist, 301st Fighter Wing, Carswell Field ARB, TX
3. Apr 1998 - Jan 2000, Student, Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, TX
4. Feb 2000 - Mar 2002, Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Pensacola NAS, FL
5. Apr 2002 - Feb 2003, Student, 28th Bomb Squadron, B-1B FTU, Dyess AFB, TX
6. Mar 2003 – May 2004, B-1 Weapons System Officer, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX.
7. Jun 2004 - Oct 2005, Assistant Flight Commander, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
8. Nov 2005 - Feb 2006, Chief of Combat Plans, 7th Operations Support Sq, Dyess AFB, TX
9. Mar 2006 - Jan 2008, Flight Commander/A6, 7th Operations Support Sq, Dyess AFB, TX
10. Jan 2008 - Jul 2008, Deputy Chief of Plans & Mobility, 28th Bomb Sq, Dyess AFB, TX
11. Aug 2008 – Jul 2009, Director of Combat Training, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX
12. Aug 2009 – Jan 2011, Fellow/Strategic Comm, George Mason University, Washington DC
13. Jan 2011 – May 2012, Chief Program & Resources, SAF/PA, Pentagon, Washington DC
14. Jun 2012 – Apr 2013, AFPAC HANDS/Advisor, Kabul City Police Chief, Afghanistan
15. May 2013 – Nov 2013, AFPAC HANDS/Strategist, HAF/A5X, Pentagon, Washington DC
16. Nov 2013 – Jun 2015, Director of Operations, 20th Air Support Operations Sq, Ft Drum, NY

BADGES

Senior Navigator

Basic Fuels/Supply Badge

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Aerial Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Good Conduct Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War On Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant – 24 April, 1998

First Lieutenant – 24 April, 2000

Captain – 24 April, 2002

Major – 1 September, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel – 1 January, 2013

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