



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DEANE E. THOMEY

Col. Deane E. Thomey serves as the Director, Air National Guard Director's Action Group, Office of the Director of the Air National Guard, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. The director's action group is responsible for developing strategic Air National Guard initiatives for implementation with various government officials, agencies, Department of Defense and National Guard Bureau representatives. As the director, he is responsible to the director, Air National Guard for engagement, coordination, and advocacy of Air National Guard programs to internal and external organizations. He develops, coordinates, and oversees strategic messaging for Air National Guard senior leaders and key Air National Guard Readiness Center personnel. In addition, he provides research, analyses, and communication expertise to the director to ensure effective advocacy for policy positions impacting the future of the Air National Guard.

Col. Thomey, a native of Sherwood, Arkansas, enlisted in the Arkansas Air National Guard in 1988 and was assigned to the 123rd Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. In 1992, upon graduating from the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tennessee, he commissioned as a second lieutenant and was assigned to the 189th Civil Engineering Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, as a civil engineering officer. He attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, graduating in November 1996. Following training, Col. Thomey was assigned to the 154th Training Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas as a C-130 pilot. In 2001, he transferred to the 184th Fighter Squadron, 188th Fighter Wing, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he served as an F-16 and A-10 pilot, a range control officer, and command post chief. In August 2012, Col. Thomey assumed command of the 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Fort Smith, Arkansas. During this time he deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, serving as the chief of logistics, 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force – Afghanistan / NATO Air Command – Afghanistan. In December 2016, he transferred to the Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, in the Air National Guard Directorate of Plans and Programs where he served in several roles culminating as chief, Combat Forces Branch. Prior to his current assignment, he was the chief, Aircrew Task Force Current Operations Division, Training and Readiness Directorate, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.



As a command pilot, Col. Thomey has 1870 hours of military flight time in the T-37, T-38, C-130, F-16 and A-10, and he is a veteran of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM with 73 hours of combat flight time. In his civilian capacity, he is an account manager for a global industrial automation company.

EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.
- 1992 Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 1995 Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

EDUCATION Cont.

2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2020 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1988–September 1992, Administration Specialist, 123rd Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
2. September 1992–November 1995, Civil Engineering Officer, 189th Civil Engineering Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. November 1995–November 1996, Student Pilot, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.
4. November 1996–March 1997, C-130 Pilot Initial Qualification Trainee, 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. March 1997–February 2001, C-130 Airlift Pilot, 154th Training Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. February 2001–November 2001, Student Pilot, 184th Fighter Squadron, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark.
7. November 2001–July 2002, F-16 Initial Qualification Trainee, 62nd Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
8. July 2002–August 2012, F-16 Fighter Pilot, A-10 Fighter Pilot, Range Control Officer and Command Post Chief, 188th Fighter Wing, Ebbing ANGB, Ark.
9. August 2012–December 2016, Commander, 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Ebbing ANGB, Ark. (April 2016–October 2016, Chief of Logistics, 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force – Afghanistan / NATO Air Command – Afghanistan, Headquarters Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan)
10. December 2016–September 2018, Chief, Combat Forces Branch, Directorate of Plans and Programs, National Guard Bureau, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
11. October 2018–June 2019, Total Force Aircrew Management Air National Guard Advisor, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. June 2019–June 2020, Chief, Aircrew Task Force Current Operations Division, Training and Readiness Directorate, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. June 2020–April 2021, Director, Air National Guard Director's Action Group, Office of the Director of the Air National Guard, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
14. April 2021–Present, Commander, 111th Attack Wing, Biddle Air Guard Base, Horsham, Pa.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: 1870

Aircraft flown: T-37A, T-38A, C-130E, AT-38B, F-16C, and A-10A/C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal with bronze star

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Arkansas Commendation Medal

Arkansas Emergency Service Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Sept. 17, 1992

First Lieutenant Oct. 15, 1994

Captain April 3, 1997

Major Dec. 7, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2010

Colonel July 31, 2019



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