



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL DEANE E. THOMEY

Col. Deane E. Thomey assumed command of the 111th Attack Wing on April 1, 2021 at Biddle Air National Guard Base in Horsham, Pennsylvania. As Wing Commander, he supervises the Wing and its subordinate units which include 111th Operations Group, the 111th Medical Group, the 111th Mission Support Group, and the 201st Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron (RED HORSE) Detachment 1. In total, Col. Thomey commands more than 900 ready Airmen in executing the Wing's mission to support multi-domain global operations, safeguarding the homeland and supporting Pennsylvania communities by building partnerships with local civil authorities.

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. In October 2018, Col. Thomey became 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. Beginning in June 2020, Col. Thomey served as the Director, Air National Guard Director's Action Group, Office of the Director of the Air National Guard, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In this role, he was responsible for developing strategic Air National Guard initiatives for implementation with various government officials, agencies, Department of Defense and National Guard Bureau representatives, and he provided research, analyses, and communication expertise to the director to ensure effective advocacy for policy positions impacting the future of the Air National Guard.

As a command pilot, Col. Thomey has 1680 hours of military flight time in the T-37, T-38, C-130, F-16, A-10 and MQ-9, 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.

## **EDUCATION Cont.**

- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2020 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
- 2022 Joint Combined Warfighter School – Hybrid, National Defense University, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia

## **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, Wing Commander, 111th Attack Wing, Biddle Air Guard Base, Horsham, Pa.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: 1680

Aircraft flown: T-37A, T-38A, C-130E, AT-38B, F-16C, A-10A/C, and MQ-9

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with service star

Humanitarian Service Medal with service 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

(Current as of March 2023)