



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL BRENT N. HARMS

Colonel Harms is the Director of Safety, Headquarters Pacific Air Force, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. He develops, executes, and evaluates all Pacific Air Force aviation, ground, and weapons mishap prevention programs to preserve combat readiness. He oversees programs to promote safety awareness and mishap prevention, mishap investigations, evaluates corrective actions and ensures implementation for Commander PACAF. He also manages and employs Air Force safety and risk management to three numbered Air Forces.

Colonel Harms was commissioned through ROTC Det 880 at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. He earned his first wings as Electronic Warfare Officer, but later earned his second wings as Pilot graduating Undergraduate Pilot Training from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, TX spending the majority of his career in Air Force Special Operations assignments.

Colonel Harms has deployed extensively in support of combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Horn of Africa and other small scale contingencies, and peace-keeping operations worldwide. He is a command pilot with more than 5,900 hours and over 2,500 combat hours in four different types of aircraft.



EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science degree in Physics, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 Master of Business Administration, American Military University, WV
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College via correspondence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2017 Air War College via correspondence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2020 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Oct 1999 - Aug 2000, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, TX
2. Sept 2000 - Feb 2001, Student, MC-130H/EWO Initial Qual Course, Kirtland AFB, NM
3. Mar 2001 - Sept 2003, Current Operations Officer, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Fld FL
4. Sept 2003 - Nov 2004, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS and Training Squadron 31, Corpus Christi NAS, TX
5. Jan 2005 - Apr 2005, Student, C-130 Flying Training, Little Rock AFB, AR
6. Apr 2005 - Aug 2005, Student, MC-130P Initial MSN Qual Course, Kirtland AFB, NM
7. Aug 2005 - May 2008, Aircraft Commander, Plans Officer, Chief of Mobility, and Chief of Training, 9th Special Operations Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
8. May 2008 - Feb 2013, Instructor Pilot, Chief of Scheduling, Assistant Operations Officer, and Chief of Safety, Location Data Masked

9. Feb 2013 - Aug 2013, Student, C-130J Flying Training, Little Rock AFB, AR
10. Aug 2013 - Feb 2014, Student, MC-130J Initial Qual Course, Kirtland AFB, NM
11. Feb 2014 - Mar 2014, Chief Pilot, 67th Special Operations Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK.
12. Mar 2014 - Apr 2016, Director of Staff, 352 Special Operations Group/Wing, RAF Mildenhall, UK
13. Apr 2016 - Jan 2018, Operations Officer, 58 Operations Support Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
14. Jan 2018 - Jun 2019, Commander, 58 Operations Support Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
15. Jun 2019 - May 2020, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
16. Jun 2020 - Jun 2021, Deputy Commander, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Kuwait and Iraq
17. Jun 2021 - present, Director of Safety, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jun 2020 - Jun 2021, Deputy Commander, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Kuwait and Iraq, as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: over 5,900 (2,500+ combat)

Aircraft Flown: T-43, T-37, T-44, C-130E/J, C-208, C-235, HC-130P/N/J, MC-130H/P/J, C-17

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with eighteen oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant September 29, 1999

First Lieutenant October 1, 2001

Captain October 1, 2003

Major August 1, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2014

Colonel Nov 1, 2020

(Current as of July 2023)