



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL DANIEL E. COOK, JR.

Colonel Daniel E. Cook, Jr. is the Inspector General for Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. He is responsible for the operational readiness and conducting unit effectiveness inspections on thirteen wings throughout PACAF. Additionally, he is responsible for providing oversight and guidance to 3 NAFS and 9 Wings on the complaint resolution program as well as the Fraud, Waste and Abuse program under the direction of Congressional, DoD, and Secretary of the Air Force authority.

Col Cook earned his commission from the ROTC program at Charleston Southern University. After commissioning, he earned his navigator wings through flight programs at Pensacola Naval Air Station, FL and Randolph AFB, TX. His flying career has spanned three aircraft, several deployments, and combat flying. Most recently, Col Cook was the Commander, 621st Air Mobility Advisory Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. This bi-coastal group has three distinct missions; building international partnerships and partner-nation capacity, theater/operational-level air mobility command and control, and providing Air Mobility Liaison Officers to ten Army and Marine Division headquarters.



Previously, Col Cook was the Division Chief, Congressional Action Division, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington D.C. His division provided staff-level interface for Offices of SecAF, USecAF, CSAF, VCSAF and CMSAF to enhance relations with Congress. Prior to this he commanded an Advisor squadron teaching Afghans how to fly C130H models and C-208s. As Operations Officer and acting Commander, Col Cook deployed to support Operation ODYSSEY DAWN and the planning of evacuations for American citizens at Naval Central Command during the Arab Spring. Col Cook was also the Deputy Division Chief of the "Glob Mob" Rapid Global Mobility Panel, his portfolios covered Special Operations and DV Airlift.

#### EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, College of Charleston, South Carolina
- 2002 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2006 Masters of Business Administration, Touro University International, California
- 2008 Masters of Military Arts and Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2013 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 1996 – Jan 1997, Casual Duty, Det 772, Charleston Southern University, SC
2. Jan 1997 – Aug 1997, Student Navigator, Pensacola NAS FL
3. Sep 1997 – Aug 1998, Student Navigator, Randolph AFB TX
4. Aug 1998 – Jan 1999, Student Navigator, C-141 Training, Altus AFB OK
5. Jan 1999 – Mar 2001, C-141 Navigator/Executive Officer, McGuire AFB NJ
6. Mar 2001 – Sep 2004, C-5 SOLL II Nav/OG Exec, Dover AFB DE
7. Sep 2004 – Feb 2005, Student Navigator, C-130 Training, Little Rock AFB AR
8. Mar 2005 – Jun 2007, C-130 Nav/Flt CC, Pope AFB NC

9. Jul 2007 – Aug 2008, Joint Mobility Intern, Scott AFB IL
10. Aug 2008 – Jan 2009, Dep Chief of Executive Missions Branch, 618 TACC, Scott AFB IL
11. Jan 2009 – May 2009, Chief of Executive Missions Branch at 618TACC, Scott AFB IL
12. May 2009 – Oct 2010, Special Action Officer, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB IL
13. Jan 2011 – Mar 2012, Operations Officer, 21 Air Mobility Operations Sq., JB-MDL NJ
14. Jun 2012 – Sep 2015, Afghanistan Pakistan Hands, Pentagon, Washington DC
15. Aug 2014 – Aug 2015, Commander, 538th AEAS, 438 AEW, Kabul, Afghanistan
16. Sep 2015 – Jun 2017, Deputy Division Chief Rapid Global Mobility Panel, Pentagon, DC
17. Jun 2017 – Jul 2018, Division Chief Congressional Action Division, Pentagon, DC
18. Jul 2018 – Jul 2020, Commander, 621st Air Mobility Advisory Group, JB-MDL NJ
19. Jul 2020 – Present, Inspector General, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight Hours: More than 1800 hours with over 600 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: C-141, C-5A/B and C-130E/H

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and eleven oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Air & Space Campaign Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

NATO Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS**

Second Lieutenant Sep. 1, 1996

First Lieutenant Sep. 1, 1998

Captain Sep. 1, 2000

Major Aug. 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2011

Colonel Jan. 1, 2018

(Current as of October 2023)