



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL STEPHEN L. RENNER

Col Stephen L. Renner is the Dean of Students and Professor of Strategy and Security Studies at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS), Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Alabama. SAASS is a selective one-year graduate school for strategists with 16 terminally credentialed faculty and 45 Air Force, Department of Defense, and international students. As the Dean of Students, he is responsible for creating warrior-scholars who have a superior ability to develop, evaluate, and employ airpower as a component of military force in support of national objectives.

Colonel Renner was commissioned in 1992 from the AFROTC program at the University of Louisville. He has flown combat and combat support missions in the A-10 in support of operations Joint Guard, Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom, and has served as a Battalion Air Liaison Officer in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He attended the Budapest Institute of Graduate Diplomatic and International Studies as an Olmsted Scholar, earned a Master of International Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. He commanded the 25th Fighter Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Prior to his current position, the Colonel was the Vice Commander of the 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Louisville, Ky.
- 2002 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2002 Master of International Public Policy, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC.
- 2006 Master of Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.
- 2007 Master of Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2008 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2014 Doctor of Philosophy in History, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1993 - September 1994, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training and Fighter Lead-In Training, Columbus, Air Force Base (AFB), Miss.
2. October 1994 - April 1995, A/OA-10 initial qualification training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

3. May 1995 - July 1996, A/OA-10 pilot, Standardization and Evaluation Liaison Officer, 25th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
4. August 1996 - July 1998, A/OA-10 pilot, Life Support Officer, Flying Training Officer, 81st Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany (December 1996 -February 1997, Battalion Air Liaison Officer, Brčko, Bosnia; August 1997 -October 1997, A/OA-10 pilot, Al Jaber AB, Kuwait)
5. August 1998 - May 1999, student, Foreign Service Institute, Washington, D.C.
6. June 1999 - July 2001, Olmsted Scholar, Budapest Institute of Graduate Diplomatic and International Studies, Budapest, Hungary
7. August 2001 - June 2002, student, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.
8. July 2002 - October 2002, A/OA-10 re-qualification training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz
9. November 2002 - July 2005, A/OA-10 instructor/flight examiner, Assistant Director of Operations, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C. (July 2003 -December 2003, A/OA-10 pilot, Talil AB, Iraq)
10. August 2005 - July 2007, student, Air Command and Staff College, and School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. July 2007 - July 2008, analyst, Air Force Research Institute, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (Nov 2007 -Mar 2008, Deputy Director, Political-Military Affairs, CSTC-A, Kabul, Afghanistan)
12. July 2008 - July 2011, A-10 instructor/flight examiner, Director of Operations, 25th Fighter Squadron; Commander, 25th Fighter Squadron; Deputy Commander, 51st Operations Group, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
13. August 2011 - July 2014, Doctor of Philosophy candidate in history, New College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
14. July 2014 - June 2016, Vice Commander, 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
15. June 2016 - Present, Dean of Students, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500

Aircraft flown: A/OA-10A/C, T-38, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters

Army Achievement Medal

PUBLICATIONS

Broken Wings: The Hungarian Air Force, 1919-1945, Indiana University Press (due out in Sep 2016)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Nov 8, 1992

First Lieutenant Nov 8, 1994

Captain Nov 8, 1996

Major May 1, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2008

Colonel July 1, 2014

(Current as of June 2016)