



# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COLONEL ROBERT H. LASS

Col Robert H. Lass is the Vice Commander of Squadron Officer College (SOC) at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He assists the Commander and the College's team of 134 civilian and military faculty in executing Professional Military Education for 16,000 company grade officers annually. The college prepares these officers to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace today, and begins their preparation to serve as senior Air Force leaders in the profession of arms.

Col Lass was born in Long Island, New York. In 1989, he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from The University of Georgia and was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Col Lass is a career cyberspace operations officer who has led numerous communications units both stateside and deployed. His diverse communications career includes serving in a variety of positions from the squadron-level to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Additionally, he is an American historian and has served on faculty at both Duke University and the Air Command and Staff College. He holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in History from the University of South Carolina and three master's degrees in disciplines ranging from Organizational Management to National Security and Strategic Studies. Prior to his current position, the colonel was the Dean of Resident Programs, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.



### EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Business Administration, Management Information Systems, University of Georgia

1990 Communications-Computer Systems Operations Officer Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.

1996 Master of Aeronautical Science, Aerospace Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1997 Master of Administrative Science, Organizational Management, The George Washington University

2004 Graduate with Distinction, College of Naval Command and Staff, US Naval War College

2004 Masters of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, US Naval Command and Staff College, US Naval War College, R.I.

2008 Air War College (Non-Resident), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2013 SDE In-Residence (Equivalent), AFIT-Civilian Institutions, University of South Carolina

2013 Doctorate of Philosophy, History, University of South Carolina

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1989 – January 1993, Section Chief and Flight Commander, Support Flight, 2021st Communications Squadron, then the 325th Communications Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

2. January 1993 – July 1994, USAFE Program Action Officer and Branch Chief, USAFE Computer Systems Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

3. July 1994 – August 1995, Executive Officer, Communications and Information, HQ USAFE, Ramstein AB, GM
4. August 1995 – May 1997, Air Force Intern, Pentagon, Va.
5. May 1997 – August 2000, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 585, Duke University, Durham, N.C.
6. August 2000 – July 2001, Flight Commander, 31st Combat Communications Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK and Commander, 386<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Communications Flight, Ali Al Salem, Kuwait
7. July 2001 – August 2003, Flight Commander, Plans, Operations, and Engineering, and Commander (Acting), 3d Combat Communications Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
8. August 2003 – June 2004, Student, US Naval War College, College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
9. June 2004 – June 2006, Commander, 22d Communications Squadron, McConnell AFB, KS and Commander, 407<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Ali Base, Iraq
10. June 2006 – June 2008, Deputy Course Director, then Deputy Department Chairman, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2008 – August 2010, Department Chairman, then Vice Dean, Distance Learning, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. August 2010 – August 2013, Student, Doctoral Candidate, Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institution Programs, Columbia, S.C.
13. August 2013 – June 2014, Vice Dean of Academic Affairs, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. June 2014 – February 2015, Dean of Resident Programs, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. February 2015 – present, Vice Commander, Squadron Officers College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Jun 17, 1989  
First Lieutenant Aug 1, 1991  
Captain Aug 1, 1993  
Major Dec 1, 2000  
Lieutenant Colonel Dec 1, 2005  
Colonel April 1, 2011

(Current as of January 2016)