



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL PAUL E. SHEETS

Col Paul E. Sheets is the Vice Commander of the 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Davis-Monthan is one of the largest installations and flying operations in the United States Air Force, with five groups, 25 squadrons, 34 mission partners comprised of 46,000 personnel, 152 aircraft, and \$51B in assets. The wing provides A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft for close air support, forward air control, combat support, and medical forces for combatant commander requirements worldwide. Additionally, the wing provides personnel recovery combat search and rescue through the employment of HC-130J Combat Kings IIs, HH-60G Pave Hawks and Guardian Angel weapon systems, with units at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. and Nellis AFB, Nev. The 355th Wing is also responsible for training A-10C pilots for the entire Total Force and is the Air Combat Command executive agent for Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces and Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty compliance.

Colonel Sheets earned his commission through the United States Air Force Academy in 2000. He is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flight hours in the HH-60G, UH-1H and T-37. He has multiple combat deployments supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, Al Udeid AB, and Hurricane Katrina.



Prior to this assignment, Colonel Sheets served as Chief, Strategy Division, 612th Air Force Operations Center, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. He has served as a pilot, weapons officer and evaluator pilot at various operational HH-60G units within the United States and served staff tours at two combined air operations centers, NATO and at Headquarters United States Air Force.

EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelor of Science (Biology), United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 2000 Aerospace Basic Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Master's Degree (History), American Military University, Va.
- 2008 Distinguished Graduate USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2012 Master's Degree (Military Operational Art and Science), Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Master's Degree (Strategic Studies), The United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2000 – May 2001, Squadron Adjutant, 344th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
2. May 2001 – November 2001, Student Pilot, 8th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. November 2001 – August 2002, Student Pilot, 23d Flying Training Squadron, Ft Rucker, Ala.
4. August 2002 – April 2003, HH-60G Student Pilot, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
5. April 2003 – July 2006, Training Officer, 66th Rescue Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. July 2006 – July 2008, Flight Commander, 41st Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
7. July 2008 – December 2008, Student, Weapons Instructor Course, 34th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. January 2009 – July 2009, Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, 347th Operations Support Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
9. July 2009 – August 2011, Chief of Group Weapons and Tactics, then Assistant Director of Operations, 563d Operations Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
10. August 2011 – June 2012, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2012 – July 2014, Military Assistant to Chief of Staff, Joint Warfare Center, NATO, Stavanger, Norway.
12. July 2014 – July 2015, Director of Operations, 563d Operations Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

13. July 2015 – July 2017, Commander, 55th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan, AFB, Ariz.
14. September 2015 – February 2016, Commander, 64th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, 8 Main Jet Base/Diyarbakir, Turkey.
15. July 2017 – July 2018, Student, The United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
16. July 2018 – June 2020, Chief, Special Operation and Personnel Recovery Branch, Headquarters United States Air Force, Operations Directorate, Pentagon, Va.
17. June 2020 – June 2021, Chief Strategy Division, 612th Air Operations Center, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
18. June 2021 – Present, Vice Wing Commander, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500

Aircraft flown: HH-60G, UH-1H and T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with twelve oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2000

First Lieutenant May 31, 2002

Captain May 31, 2004

Major March 1, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2015

Colonel January 1, 2021

(Current as of June 2021)