



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL GERARD F. RYAN, JR.

Colonel Gerard F. Ryan, Jr. is Deputy Commander of the Air Force Operations Group (AFOG), a Field Operating Agency providing comprehensive decision support by facilitating immediate situational awareness of world-wide AF operations and integrating air and space operational expertise for the SECAF/CSAF. The AFOG is responsible for the CSAF's Crisis Action Team (CAT) and executes plans for evacuation of US Government leaders ensuring the continued performance of HQ USAF mission essential functions and continuity of operations. The AFOG provides weather support to the SECDEF, CJCS, SECAF, CSAF, and CSA as well as joint weather support to the President of the United States, the White House Military Office and Marine Helicopter Squadron One. The AFOG executes the Critical Asset Risk Management program to limit the risk of loss to \$17B of critical assets. Additionally, oversight of Civil Air Patrol policy, operational employment, organization and training is conducted within the AFOG. The Counter Drug program executes \$4B supervising Air Force activities in support of the DoD Counter Narcotics mission. Finally, the AFOG provides guidance and sets policy for Air Force aviation support to public and military events, to include all funeral flyovers.



Colonel Ryan received his commission in 1991 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps as a Distinguished Graduate at Manhattan College, Bronx, New York. He has served at the squadron, group, MAJCOM, HQ Air Force and HQ ISAF/RS level in various capacities. He is a Special Operations Master Navigator with over 3,760 flying hours as Evaluator and Instructor in C-130E/H and MC-130H. He was selected as initial Cadre for the MC-130H Weapons Instructor Course in the USAF Weapons School. Colonel Ryan has served in 14 combat, contingency, humanitarian and disaster relief operations in Turkey, Cuba, Haiti, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, Panama, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and JTF- Katrina. Prior to his current position, he was Chief, Middle East Region, Operational Engagement Talks, Air Force Operations Group, Headquarters Air Force.

EDUCATION:

1990 Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Fordham University, NY
1995 Master of Arts in History, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT
1998 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2002 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Non-residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2011 Air War College, Non-residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2013 Master of National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI
2014 Dari Language, Diplomatic Language Services, Rosslyn, VA

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jul 92 – Jun 93, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training (SUNT), Mather Air Force Base, California.
2. Jun 93 – Oct 93, C-130 Initial and Mission Qualification Training, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.
3. Oct 93 – Apr 99, Evaluator Navigator, Instructor Navigator and Tactics Officer, 40 Airlift Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.
4. Nov 98– Apr 99, Initial Mission Qualification MC-130H Navigator, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.
5. Apr 99 – Feb 02, Evaluator Navigator, Deputy Flight Commander, Chief of Tactics, Chief of Exercise Plans and Chief of Current Operations, 7th Special Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

6. Feb 02 – Jun 05, Initial Cadre, Assistant Director of Operations, Director, MC-130 Weapons Instructor Course, and Flight Commander, 14 Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Hurlburt Field, Florida.
7. Jun 05 – Aug 07, Deputy Chief AFSOC Weapons and Tactics, and Chief, MC-130 Weapons and Tactics, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida.
8. Aug 07 – Oct 09, Commander, 33rd Student Squadron, Squadron Officer School, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
9. Oct 09 – May 10, Deployed, then Director, Plans and Programs, Education Support Squadron, Carl A. Spaatz Center for Officer Education, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
10. Jun 10 – Jul 12, Chief, Rated Force Policy, Directorate of Force Management Policy, DCS, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. Jul 12 – Jun 13, Student, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, Newport, RI.
12. Jul 13 – Mar 14, Airpower Strategist/AFPAC Hand, Director, Operational Planning, Policy and Strategy, DCS, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
13. Mar 14 – Mar 15, Director, Presidential Information Coordination Center, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan.
14. Mar 15 – Mar 16, Chief, CENTCOM Operational Engagement Talks, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
15. Mar 16 – Present, Deputy Commander, Air Force Operations Group and Chief, Operations Policy Division, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: 3,760+

Combat hours: 441

Aircraft Flown: C-130E/H, MC-130H, and T-43A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

2001 Air Force Special Operations Command Navigator of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1991

First Lieutenant December 15, 1993

Captain December 15, 1995

Major September 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel August 1, 2007

Colonel July 1, 2013

(Current as of Oct 16)