



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL BRIAN L. REECE

Colonel Brian Reece is Vice Commander of the 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. The wing trains mission-ready special operations, combat search and rescue, nuclear security/support and distinguished visitor aircrew. The wing provides and supports flight instruction in the CV-22, HH-60G, HC-130J, MC-130J, TH-1, and UH-1 aircraft. The wing also conducts Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE) training, the qualification training of SERE Specialists, and Undergraduate Pilot Training for all Air Force rotary wing pilots. Colonel Reece oversees the activities of 2,600 Airmen, administering 118 training courses in 32 different crew positions. The wing trains over 15,000 students annually.

In his previous assignment, Colonel Reece served as a Battle Watch Commander for the Global Operations Center at USSTRATCOM, where he collected global situational awareness and provided real-time updates to the 4-Star Combatant Commander and National Command Authority. As a result, the Command Center remained perpetually prepared to execute the orders of the Commander, Secretary of Defense, and President in nuclear and space domains, while synchronizing peace and war-time efforts across the globe with the Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps, and 10 Combatant Commands.

Colonel Reece earned his commission upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1997. A Distinguished Graduate from SUPT, he was the McClary Award winner at SOS, AF Class President at CGSC, and graduated with highest distinction from Air War College along with the Nowak Award. Col Reece commanded a Combat Advisory Squadron in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Over his career, Colonel Reece is credited with eight combat saves while deployed to OIF, OEF, and HOA. He has over 400 combat hours and is a published author. Col Reece was a 19th AF Instructor Pilot of the Year and led the team that won the AF-level Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award.



EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Top Third Graduate, Lt. Clebe McClary Award
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, correspondence
- 2009 Masters of Science, Organizational Management, Capella University, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2011 U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Masters of Military Arts and Science – History, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2013 Joint Forces Staff College, JPME-II, Norfolk, Va.
- 2013 Air War College, correspondence
- 2017 Air War College, Masters of Strategy with highest distinction, Nowak Award

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1997–February 1998, Student Pilot, 85th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. February 1998–December 1998, Student Pilot, 23d Flying Training Squadron, Fort Rucker, Ala.
3. January 1999–March 1999, Student Pilot, 512th Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
4. April 1999–March 2000, Chief of Current Operations, 36th Rescue Flight, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
5. March 2000–April 2001, Executive Officer, 36th Rescue Flight, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
6. May 2001–March 2002, Student Pilot, 551st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
7. April 2002–October 2003, Chief of Current Operations, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. October 2003–August 2004, Personnel Officer / Aircraft Commander, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. August 2004–May 2005, Mobility Officer / Crew Commander, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. May 2005–December 2005, Training Officer / Instructor, 20th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

11. January 2006–June 2007, OIC Training, Current Ops & Scheduling, 551st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
12. June 2007–November 2007, Chief of Weapons and Training / Instructor, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
13. November 2007–August 2008, Assistant Director of Operations / Instructor, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
14. August 2008–October 2009, Wing Executive Officer, 58th SOW, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
15. October 2009–June 2010, Assistant Director of Operations / Evaluator, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
16. June 2010–June 2011, IDE Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
17. June 2011–May 2013, Chief of Special Operations, Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
18. May 2013–March 2015, HQ AETC/A2/3/10 Director of Staff, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, JBSA Randolph, Texas
19. March 2015–March 2016, Commander, 441 Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron, 438 Air Advisory Wing, Train, Advise, Assist-Command, Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan
20. June 2016–June 2017, SDE Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
21. July 2017–May 2018, Deputy Chief, Strategic Engagements Division, J53, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Neb.
22. May 2018–July 2019, Battle Watch Commander, J3NW, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Neb.
23. July 2019–Present, Vice Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 2,800 (400 combat)

Aircraft Flown: T-37, UH-1H, UH-1N, MH-53J, MH-53M, Mi-17, Mi-8, C-208

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Joint Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two devices

Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with Valor Device and three oak leaf clusters

Gallant Unit Citation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May, 1997

First Lieutenant May, 1999

Captain May, 2001

Major December, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel March, 2012

Colonel May, 2018

CLEARANCE

Top Secret/SCI

(Current as of August 2019)