



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



COL. AARON D. REID

Col. Aaron D. Reid is the commander of Civil Air Patrol—U.S. Air Force, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. In this position, he provides Air Force advice, assistance, liaison, and oversight to Civil Air Patrol and serves as an adviser to its governing body, the Board of Governors.

Reid previously served as a dean and professor at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. Before that, he commanded the 21st Student Squadron at Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB.

He attended the University of Georgia from 2016-2019 on an Air Force Ph.D. fellowship, earning a doctorate in political science and international affairs. He previously earned master's degrees at Air Command and Staff College and Advanced Air and Space Studies.

Reid has served as an F-15E instructor and evaluator pilot at the Air Force Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nevada. While flying the F-15E, he held positions as an assistant director of operations, flight commander, and chief of fighter standardization and evaluations. He earned his pilot wings at Laughlin AFB, Texas, in 2003 and completed his first operational flying tour in the F-15E at Seymour-Johnson AFB, North Carolina.

Reid received his commission in 2002 from Air Force ROTC Detachment 790 at Tennessee State University, Nashville. He is a senior pilot with 1,700 hours in the T-37, T-38, and F-15E. He has flown combat missions in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and has also flown multiple Operation Noble Eagle sorties.



1. May 2004 - March 2005, Student Pilot, F-15E, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
2. March 2005 – August 2008, F-15E Pilot / Instructor Pilot, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
3. August 2008 - July 2009, F-15E Instructor Pilot, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
4. July 2009 – December 2009, F-15E Weapons School Student, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. December 2009 - April 2011, F-15E Weapons Officer, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
6. April 2011 - March 2012, F-15E Instructor Pilot / Phase Manager, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. March 2012 – March 2013, Chief of Fighter Standardization and Evaluations, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. March 2013 - May 2014, Asst Director of Operations / Phase Manager, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. May 2014 - May 2015, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. May 2015 – June 2016, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2016 – August 2019, Doctorate Student, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.
12. August 2019 – July 2021, Commander, 21st Student Squadron, ACSC, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. July 2021 – June 2023, Dean of Students, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. June 2023 – August 2023, Vice Commander, Civil Air Patrol – United States Air Force (ACC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. August 2023 – Present, Commander, Civil Air Patrol – United States Air Force (ACC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: 1,700 hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38A, T-38C, F-15E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Global War On Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 29, 2002

First Lieutenant May 29, 2004

Captain May 29, 2006

Major July 1, 2012

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2017

Colonel May 1, 2023

(Current as of August 2023)