



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



COLONEL AARON D. REID

Col Aaron D. Reid is the Commander of Civil Air Patrol—United States Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. In this position, he provides Air Force advice, assistance, liaison and oversight to the Civil Air Patrol, a non-profit, federally supported, public benefit corporation congressionally chartered as the official auxiliary of the Air Force. CAP has approximately 65,000 members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and several overseas Air Force installations. CAP-USAF operates from 50 locations nationwide, providing oversight of CAP's 1,500 units and fleet of 550 light aircraft.

Before assuming his current position, Col Reid served as a Dean and professor at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS). Prior to his assignment at SAASS, Col Reid commanded the 21st Student Squadron at Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB. He previously attended the University of Georgia from 2016-2019 on an Air Force PhD fellowship where he earned a doctorate degree in Political Science and International Affairs. Before enrolling at Georgia, he attended both ACSC and SAASS at Maxwell AFB.

Col Reid has also served as an F-15E Instructor and Evaluator pilot at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev. 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 from Laughlin AFB, Texas, in 2003 and completed his first operational flying tour in the F-15E at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.

Col 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.

EDUCATION

2002 Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Maintenance, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2009 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

2011 Master of Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Goldsboro, N.C.

2015 Master of Art, Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2016 Master of Philosophy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2019 Doctor of Philosophy, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga. (SDE)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2002 - November 2002, Administration Officer, Air Force ROTC Detachment 790, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn.
2. November 2002 - February 2004, Student Pilot, T-37 & T-38, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
3. February 2004 - May 2004, Student Pilot, T-38C, Moody AFB, Ga.



4. May 2004 - March 2005, Student Pilot, F-15E, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
5. March 2005 – August 2008, F-15E Pilot / Instructor Pilot, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
6. August 2008 - July 2009, F-15E Instructor Pilot, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
7. July 2009 – December 2009, F-15E Weapons School Student, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. December 2009 - April 2011, F-15E Weapons Officer, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
9. April 2011 - March 2012, F-15E Instructor Pilot / Phase Manager, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. March 2012 – March 2013, Chief of Fighter Standardization and Evaluations, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. March 2013 - May 2014, Asst Director of Operations / Phase Manager, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. May 2014 - May 2015, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. May 2015 – June 2016, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. June 2016 – August 2019, Doctorate Student, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.
15. August 2019 – July 2021, Commander, 21st Student Squadron, ACSC, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. July 2021 – June 2023, Dean of Students, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. June 2023 – August 2023, Vice Commander, Civil Air Patrol – United States Air Force (ACC), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
18. 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)