



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CHARLES M. FREEL

Colonel Charles M. Freel is the Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 225, and Professor of Aerospace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. The Detachment trains and develops leaders of character to commission as Air and Space Force officers who are ready to meet our Nation's security challenges.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Freel served as the Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Colonel Freel is a 1998 graduate from Officer Training School. His previous assignments include tactical intelligence support for F-15C and F-16 fighter wings, instructor and Chief of Academics at the United States Air Force Weapons School, and chief of wing intelligence for Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. He served as Deputy Chief, ISR Force Management, Deputy Chief of Staff for ISR, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. He accomplished squadron command of the 303d Intelligence Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, followed by a tour as the Deputy Commander, 373d Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, and Military Deputy Commander/Operations Division Deputy Chief, Alaska Mission Operations Center, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Col Freel served as the Commander of the 691st ISR Group, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Colonel Freel has deployed in support of operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.



EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Arts, government and international relations, University of Notre Dame, Ind.
2002 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2006 Master of Strategic Intelligence degree, American Military University (correspondence)
2008 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
2012 Master of Strategic Intelligence degree, National Intelligence University (IDE)
2014 Air War College (correspondence)
2019 Master of Strategic Studies degree, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1998 - December 1998, Student, Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
2. January 1999 - January 2000, Assistant Chief, Intel Readiness, 18th Operations Support Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
3. January 2000 - January 2002, Chief of Intelligence, 67th Fighter Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
4. January 2002 - June 2002, Student, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. June 2002 - June 2005, Intelligence Weapons Officer, 27th Operations Support Squadron, Cannon AFB, N. M.
6. June 2005 - July 2007, Instructor, 19th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. July 2007 - January 2008, Chief of Academics, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. January 2008 - July 2010, Senior Intelligence Officer, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska
9. July 2010 - August 2011, Deputy Chief, ISR Force Management, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. August 2011 - July 2012, Student, National Intelligence University, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2012 - June 2014, Commander, Detachment 2, 18th Intelligence Squadron, Osan AB, ROK
12. June 2014 - August 2016, Commander, 303d Intelligence Squadron, Osan AB, ROK

13. August 2016 - July 2018, Deputy Commander, 373d ISR Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
14. July 2018 - June 2019, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. June 2019 - June 2020, Chief, ISR Operations and Analysis Division, ISR Directorate, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
16. June 2020 - July 2022, Commander, 691st ISR Group, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland
17. July 2022 – July 2024, Director of ISR (A2), Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
18. July 2024 – present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 225, University of Notre Dame, Ind.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Korea Defense Service Medal
Defense Cooperation Award Shield Third Class (Japan Air Self-Defense Force)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 24, 1998
First Lieutenant April 24, 2000
Captain April 24, 2002
Major September 1, 2007
Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2013
Colonel May 1, 2019

(Current as of December 2024)