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**TAB 1: 35th Fighter Wing Biographies**Col. R. Scott Jobe--35th Fighter Wing commander

Col. R. Scott Jobe is the Commander of the 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan. He commands a combat-ready F-16CM fighter wing composed of 6,403 personnel and sustains forces and facilities worth over two billion dollars. Colonel Jobe oversees an 11,500-person installation which supports eight associate units representing three U.S. military services (Air Force, Army and Navy) and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.

Prior to this position, he was the Division Chief, J53 Deliberate Planning and the Air Force Element Commander, U.S. Southern Command, located in Doral, Florida. In this capacity, he advised the J5 Strategy, Policy and Plans Director on contingency plans and combatant command planning activities and exercised administrative control of 241 total force Airmen. Colonel Jobe has also served as Deputy Commandant and Commander of the 16th Weapons Squadron of the USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada.

Colonel Jobe entered the Air Force after graduating from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and earned his commission through the ROTC program in 1993. He attended Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He completed the F-16 Initial Qualification Course at Luke AFB, Arizona, in 1996. His first operational assignment was with the 69th Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Georgia, where he served as Mission Commander and Instructor Pilot. In 2000, he attended the U.S. Air Force Weapons School F-16 Weapons Instructor Course. His additional assignments include Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea, 16th Weapons Squadron Weapons Instructor Course, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, serving as Chief Global Strike Branch Chief working F-16, A-10 and

Next Generation Airborne Networking requirements. Next he served as the 16th Weapons Squadron Director of Operations and then served as the Commander of the 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada. He has led flying missions in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, NOBLE EAGLE and ENDURING FREEDOM.

Colonel Jobe is a Command Pilot with more than 2,400 flying hours, primarily in the F-16.

## EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas  
1994 Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas  
1995 F-16 Flying Training Unit, Luke AFB, Arizona  
2000 USAF Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
2000 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada  
2005 Masters of Military Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
2011 Air War College (in correspondence)  
2013 Masters of Science, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort McNair, Washington, District of Columbia

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1994 – August 1995, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. August 1995 – May 1996, Student, F-16 Flying Training Unit, Luke AFB, Arizona
3. May 1996 – July 2000, F-16 Electronic Combat Pilot, Instructor Pilot, and Mission Commander, 69th Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Georgia
4. July 2000 – December 2000, Student, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
5. January 2001 – February 2002, Weapons Officer, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
6. February 2002 – June 2005, Academic Instructor, Flight Commander and Assistant Director of Operations, 16th Weapons Squadron USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
7. June 2005 – June 2006, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
8. June 2006 – June 2008, Chief Global Strike Branch, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon
9. June 2008 – June 2009, Director of Operations, 16th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
10. June 2009 – June 2011, Commander, 16th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
11. June 2011 – June 2012, Deputy Commandant, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
12. August 2012 – August 2013, Student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort McNair, Washington, District of Columbia
13. September 2013 – August 2014, Commander, 455 Expeditionary Operations Group, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan
14. September 2014 – July 2016, Division Chief, J53 Contingency Planning, U.S. Southern Command, Doral, Florida

15. July 2016 – present, Commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 2,300

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-16, and HH-60

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant October 24, 1993

First Lieutenant October 24, 1995

Captain October 24, 1997

Major March 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2009

Colonel October 1, 2013

(Current as of April 2017)

#### Col. Paul Kirmis--35th Fighter Wing vice commander



Colonel Paul D. Kirmis is the Vice Commander of the 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan. The fighter wing is composed of nearly 2,700 personnel with an annual facilities, operations and maintenance budget of more than \$165 million. The base supports eight associate units from three U.S. military services (Air Force, Army, and Navy) and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.

Colonel Kirmis is a 1994 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. His flying assignments have included positions as Chief of Scheduling, F-16 Instructor pilot, Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations and as Chief of Wing Plans and Programs. His non-flying operational assignments included Satellite Systems Operator on the Defense Support Program and Deputy Crew Chief in Satellite Operations. More recently, Col Kirmis was the Director of Operations and then the Squadron Commander in the 549th and 548th Combat Training Squadrons, responsible for executing Air Combat Command's GREEN FLAG exercises in coordination with the U.S. Army Combined Training Centers at Fort Irwin, Cali., and Fort Polk, LA. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Chief, Current Operations

Division and Vice Commander for the 607th Air Operations Center at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

#### EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science in Biology, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, in residence  
2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence  
2007 Master of Science in Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida  
2015 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL, in residence  
2015 Joint Air and Space Operations Senior Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, Florida

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1994 – June 1996, Operations Plans Officer and Section Commander, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico
2. July 1996 – March 1997, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, Vandenberg AFB, California
3. April 1997 – July 1998, Deputy Crew Commander, DSP, 1st Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colorado
4. August 1998 – December 1999, Student pilot, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
5. January 1999 – April 1999, Student pilot, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Sheppard AFB, Texas
6. May 1999 – May 2000, Student pilot, F-16 Fighter Training Unit, 63rd Fighter Squadron, Luke AB, Arizona
7. June 2000 – August 2003, F-16CJ Flight Lead, Flight Commander, 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
8. September 2003 – September 2004, F-16 Instructor pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
9. October 2004 – September 2005, F-16 Instructor and Evaluator pilot, Chief of Wing Scheduling, and Current Operations Flight Commander, 51st Operations Support Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
10. October 2005 – December 2006, F-16 FTU Instructor/Evaluator pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, 61st Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona
11. January 2007 – May 2008, Chief, Wing Plans and Programs, 51st Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Arizona
12. June 2008 – May 2010, Director of Operations, 549th Combat Training Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
13. June 2010 – June 2012, Commander, 548th Combat Training Squadron, Fort Polk, Louisiana
14. July 2012 – June 2014, Course Director, Instructor and Advisor, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
15. July 2014 – May 2015, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
16. June 2015 – June 2016, Chief, Combat Operations Division, 607th Air Operations Center, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

17. June 2016 – July 2017, Vice Commander, 607th Air Operations Center, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

18. July 2017 – Present, Vice Commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: Over 2,100

Aircraft Flown: F-16C/D, T-38, T-37

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Achievement Medal

Combat Action Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

#### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1996 Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training

2000 Distinguished Graduate, F-16 Fighter Training Unit Initial Qualification Course

2000 Daedalian Leadership Award and Air to Ground Top Gun, F-16 Fighter Training Unit

2005 Pacific Air Forces Distinguished Aircrew Flight Safety Award Winner

2007 Graduated with Highest Distinction, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

2015 Graduated with Highest Distinction, Air War College Class of 2015

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1994

First Lieutenant June 1, 1996

Captain June 1, 1998

Major September 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel September 1, 2009

Colonel July 20, 2015

(Current as of Feb 2018)

## Col. Jason Cockrum-- 35th Operations Group commander



Colonel Jason J. Cockrum is the Commander of the 35th Operations Group at Misawa Air Base, Japan. He leads a group composed of two deployable F-16CM "Wild Weasel" Fighter Squadrons, an Operations Support Squadron and an Air Control Flight capable of conducting and supporting sustained worldwide operations. The 35th Operations Group is responsible for flight operations, airfield management, wing intelligence, tactical air control, weather support, an F-16 Mission Training Center and Draughton Electronic Warfare Range.

Colonel Cockrum entered the Air Force in 1995 after receiving his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy. His previous assignments have focused in Tactical Airlift and Fighter Operations where he has led as a Fighter Squadron Commander and Director of Operations. He has also served as the F-16 Requirements Officer for the Directorate of Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C, and as the 51 FW Inspector General and 51 FW Chief of Safety. He has led combat forces in numerous contingency and combat operations including Operations JOINT FORGE, ALLIED FORCE, NOBLE EAGLE and IRAQI FREEDOM.

### EDUCATION

1991 United States Air Force Academy Prep School, CO

1995 Bachelor of Science in Human Factors Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, CO

2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2005 Master of Science in Emergency & Disaster Management, Touro University International, CA

2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, correspondence

2008 Naval War College Command and Staff Program, Monterey, CA

2008 MS in National Security Affairs/Homeland Security, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA

2010 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, correspondence

2015 MS in National Security Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 – November 1995, graduate assistant, coach, U.S. Air Force Academy, USAFA CO

2. December 1995 – June 1996, Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, NAS Pensacola FL

3. July 1996 – February 1997, Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB TX

4. March 1997 – March 2000, C-130E Instructor Navigator, Tactics Officer, Executive Officer, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB Germany

5. April 2000 – October 2001, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB TX

6. November 2001 – May 2002, Student F-16 Initial Flight Qualification, Luke AFB AZ

7. June 2002 – July 2005, Flight Commander, F-16CJ Instructor Pilot, 23 Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
8. August 2005 – February 2007, Director of Operations, 522 Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB NM
9. March 2007 – August 2007, Director of Operations, 524 Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB NM
10. September 2007 – December 2008, IDE Student Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA
11. January 2009 – December 2010, F-16 Requirements Officer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
12. January 2011 – June 2011, 51st Fighter Wing Inspector General, Osan AB Republic of Korea
13. July 2011 – May 2012, 51st Fighter Wing Chief of Safety, Osan AB Republic of Korea
14. June 2012 – June 2014, Commander 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB Republic of Korea
15. July 2014 – June 2015, SDE Student Naval War College, Newport RI
16. July 2015 – Oct 2016, Combat Air Forces Division Chief, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
17. November 2016 – July 2017, Director of Staff, AF/A3, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces, Washington D.C.
18. July 2017 – present, Commander, 35th Operations Group, Misawa AB, Japan

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight hours: More than 2,700  
Aircraft flown: C-130E, F-16CM

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, with oak leaf cluster  
Combat Readiness Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1995  
First Lieutenant May 31, 1997  
Captain May 31, 1999  
Major September 01, 2005  
Lieutenant Colonel July 01, 2010  
Colonel October 01, 2016

(Current as of July 2017)

Col. Thomas M. Schramel-- 35th Maintenance Group commander



Col. Thomas M. Schramel is the Commander, 35th Maintenance Group, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan. He is responsible for approximately 1,000 aircraft maintenance personnel who perform on and off- equipment maintenance on 44 F-16CJ aircraft, an O&M budget of over \$1 million, a \$200 million equipment account, and the daily operations of Pacific Air Forces' regional jet engine intermediate maintenance facility that provides over 156 operational F110 engines valued at over \$500 million to three F-16 fighter wings.

Colonel Schramel received his commission in May, 1995 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program at University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Colonel Schramel has deployed and served in numerous contingency operations in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, NOBLE EAGLE, IRAQI FREEDOM, EDURING FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE

#### EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science Degree, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA  
1995 Aircraft Maintenance/Munitions Officer Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX  
1997 Masters of Liberal Arts Degree, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC  
2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL (In-residence)  
2005 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)  
2012 Air War College (Correspondence)

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1986 – March 1986: Student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. March 1986 – October 1986: Avionics Student, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
3. October 1986 – January 1990: Avionics Technician, 340th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma
4. June 1995 – May 1996: Munitions Flight Commander, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
5. May 1996 – April 1997: Asst Operations Flight Commander, 20th Operations Support Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
6. April 1997 – August 1998: Sortie Support Flight Commander 78th Fighter Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
7. August 1998 – July 2001: Asst Professor of Aerospace Studies, Detachment 440, University of Missouri, Columbia Missouri
8. July 2001 – December 2002: Maintenance Supervisor, 33d Maintenance Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
9. December 2001 – August 2004: 58th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Officer in Charge, 33d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
10. August 2004 – December 2005: Maintenance Operations Officer, 35th Maintenance Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan



11. December 2005 – May 2007: Operations Officer, 35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan
12. May 2007 – June 2009: Commander, 35th Maintenance Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan
13. June 2009 – January 2011: Chief, Aircraft/Munitions Inspections Branch, ACC Inspector General, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia
14. January 2011 – June 2011: Chief, ACC Propulsion Branch, Joint-Base Langley Eustis, Virginia
15. June 2011 – June 2012: Commander, 451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan
16. July 2012 – October 2015: Deputy Maintenance Commander, 49 Maintenance Group, Holloman AFB, New Mexico
17. October 2015 – June 2016: Chief, ACC ISR Branch, Joint-Base Langley Eustis, Virginia
18. June 2016 – July 2017: Chief, 5th Generation Weapon System Team, Joint-Base Langley Eustis, Virginia
19. July 2016 – present, Commander, 35th Maintenance Group Commander, Misawa AB, Japan

#### DEPLOYMENTS

- June 1997 – September 1997: 78th Sortie Support Section OIC, Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- February 2003 – May 2003: 58th Aircraft Maintenance Unit OCI, King Faisal AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- January 2007 – May 2007: 332d Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Operations Officer, Balad AB, Iraq
- June 2011 – June 2012: Commander, 451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan
- April 2015 – October 2015: 386th Deputy Maintenance Group Commander, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze star
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star
- Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- NATO Medal

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Second Lieutenant 31 May 1995
- First Lieutenant 31 May 1997
- Captain 31 May 1999
- Major 1 Oct 2005

Lieutenant Colonel 1 Aug 2010  
Colonel 1 Nov 2016

(Current as of July 2017)

Col. Philip A. Holmes-- 35th Mission Support Group commander



Col. Philip Holmes is the Commander, 35th Mission Support Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan. He is responsible for leading the Mission Support Group which consists of six diverse squadrons with more than 1,800 personnel. The Mission Support Group is responsible to the 35th Fighter Wing and associate units to safeguard and maintain the Misawa Air Base infrastructure. The group's operations comprise of expeditionary combat/mission readiness with facility/airfield maintenance, personnel/administrative support, installation/resource security, contracting, transportation, supply and logistics planning, chemical and explosive defense, communications and computer systems, and the

Quality of Life programs.

Col. Holmes received his commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at California State University, Sacramento in 1995, where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He was a squadron commander at three Security Forces units, a member of the Air Combat Command Inspector General's staff, Deputy Mission Support Group Commander and completed staff tours at Air Mobility Command, Air Force Security Forces Center and Fifth Air Force. Prior to his current position, Colonel Holmes was the United States Forces Japan Provost Marshal and Fifth Air Force Director, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection. He is accompanied by his wife Michelle and son Philip, Jr. (12).

**EDUCATION:**

1993 Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration—California State Univ., Sacramento

1995 Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration—California State Univ., Sacramento

1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2005 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence

2008 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

2012 Air War College, Correspondence

2016 U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

2016 Masters Degree in Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. August 1995 – January 1998, Readiness and Training Flight Commander, 9th Security Forces Squadron, Beale AFB, California

2. January 1998 – July 1999, Force Protection Flight Commander, 37th Security Forces Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
3. July 1999 – August 2001, Operations Officer, 37th Security Forces Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
4. August 2001 – June 2004, Program Manager, Antiterrorism/Force Protection and Executive Officer, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Directorate of Security Forces, Scott AFB, Ill.
5. June 2004 – August 2006, Commander, 92d Security Forces Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
6. August 2006 – December 2007, Chief, Security Forces Inspections, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Office of the Inspector General, Langley AFB, Virginia
7. December 2007 – December 2008, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
8. December 2008 – June 2010, Executive Officer, Headquarters Air Force Security Forces Center, Lackland AFB, Texas
9. June 2010 – June 2011, Commander, 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Ali Al Salem, AB, Kuwait
10. July 2011 – July 2013, Commander, 86th Security Forces Squadron, Ramstein AFB, Germany
11. July 2013 – July 2015, Deputy Commander, 86th Mission Support Group, Ramstein AFB, Germany
12. July 2015 – July 2016, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
13. July 2016 – June 2017, Provost Marshal, Headquarters U.S. Forces Japan and Director, Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection, Headquarters 5th Air Force, Yokota AB, Japan
14. June 2017 – Present, Commander, 35th Mission Support Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters Air Force Achievement Medal

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 16, 1995

First Lieutenant July 9, 1997

Captain June 16, 1999

Major November 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel September 1, 2010

Colonel December 1, 2016

(Current as of June 2017)

## Col. Terence T. Cunningham IV-- 35th Medical Group commander



Colonel Terence T Cunningham IV is the Commander, 35th Medical Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan. He ensures maximum wartime readiness by operating a community based healthcare system maintaining the health, welfare and morale for over 9,000 beneficiaries through accessible, high quality healthcare. Col Cunningham commands and develops a group of 5 squadron commanders and 400 personnel in support of a 22 bed hospital with the capability of expanding to 75 beds during contingency operations.

Colonel Cunningham received a direct civilian commission into the Air Force in May 1995. He has served in multiple leadership roles at the flight, squadron and group level, to include Commander of the 49th Medical Support Squadron at Holloman AFB. His staff assignments include: Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Air Force Medical Element, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), and as the Executive Officer to the 22nd Air Force Surgeon General.

Prior to this position, he was the Assistant Deputy Director for Strategic Medical Plans and Programs, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, Headquarters United States Air Force. In this capacity, he directly advised the Air Force Surgeon General on all aspects of Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution for a \$39B Defense Health Program, 44K personnel manpower program, and \$6.1B annual budget supporting of the delivery of healthcare to 2.6M beneficiaries across 76 Medical Treatment Facilities worldwide.

### EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Architecture, Miami University, Oxford, Oh.
- 2000 Squadron Officers School (in-residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Al.
- 2005 Master of Healthcare Administration, Ohio State University, Columbus
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 2010 Air War College (correspondence)

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 – June 1999, Regional Health Facilities Officer, Air Force Medical Element, Sam Nunn Federal Center, Atlanta, Ga.
2. June 1999 – August 2001, Project Health Facilities Officer, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Andrews AFB, Md. and Dover AFB, Del.
3. August 2001 – August 2003, Chief, Health Facilities Programming, Headquarters Air Force, Bolling AFB, D.C.
4. August 2003 – May 2005, Student, AFIT - Civilian Institute, Ohio State University, Columbus
5. June 2005 – October 2007, Flight Commander, Resource Management, and Administrator, 99th Medical Group, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. October 2007 – April 2008, Group Practice Manager, Family Medicine Residency, 99th Medical Group, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. April 2008 – September 2010, Senior Budget Analyst, Defense Health Program, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Pentagon

8. September 2010 – June 2011, Deputy Director, Program Analysis & Evaluation Division, Headquarters United States Air Force, Rosslyn, Va.
9. June 2011 – June 2013, Commander, 49th Medical Support Squadron; Administrator, 49th Medical Group; and Deputy Commander, 49th Medical Group, Holloman AFB, N.M.
10. June 2013 – June 2015, Executive Officer, Air Force Surgeon General, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon
11. June 2015 – June 2017, Assistant Deputy Director, Strategic Medical Plans and Programs, Headquarters United States Air Force, Falls Church, Va.
12. June 17 – present, Commander, 35th Medical Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal (six oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal (two oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (one oak leaf cluster)  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 23, 1995  
First Lieutenant May 23, 1997  
Captain May 23, 1999  
Major January 1, 2005  
Lt Colonel August 1, 2009  
Colonel February 1, 2016

(Current as of June 17)

#### **TAB 2: Brief 35th FW History/Mission**

##### **Mission:**

The mission of the 35th Fighter Wing is to "provide worldwide deployable forces, protect U.S. interests in the Pacific and defend Japan with sustained forward presence and focused mission support."

The wing operates and maintains two squadrons of F-16CM (C and D models) Block 50 Fighting Falcons. The pilots of the 13th and 14th Fighter Squadrons conduct daily flight training including air-to-air tactics over water and air-to-ground weapons delivery at Draughton Range. The 35th Fighter Wing is the Air Force's premier Wild Weasel organization and specializes in the suppression and destruction of enemy air defenses including surface-to-air-missile systems.

In addition to daily air combat training, the 35th Fighter Wing holds quarterly operational readiness exercises, which keep Misawa Airmen ready to execute their mission at home or abroad. The wing maintains readiness with participation in Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) sponsored exercise like RED FLAG-Alaska and DISTANT FRONTIER and participates in joint and bilateral exercises such as COPE NORTH and KEEN SWORD to maintain combat readiness of U.S. and allied forces.

## **Organization**

The 35th Fighter Wing consists of four groups: the 35th Maintenance Group, the 35th Medical Group, the 35th Mission Support Group, and the 35th Operations Group. As the base operating unit, the 35th Fighter Wing hosts U.S. Navy and U.S. Army units, including Naval Air Facility Misawa and Joint Tactical Ground Station Misawa. In addition, the wing hosts elements of the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force, including the Northern Air Defense Headquarters and the 3rd Air Wing.

## **History:**

Activated at Johnson Air Base, Japan on August 10, 1948, the 35th Fighter Wing carries the bestowed honor of the Army Air Force's 35th Fighter Group, established on December 22, 1939. During the course of World War II, the 35th Fighter Group fought through the Pacific from Australia to Japan. Richard I. Bong, the Air Force's all-time, top scoring ace, scored his first aerial victories while temporarily attached to the group. However, the 35th Fighter Group and 35th Fighter Wing's all-time top ace was Thomas J. Lynch, who scored 20 aerial victories before being shot down over New Guinea. Following World War II, the group began occupation and air defense duties on mainland Japan. In 1948, the 35th Fighter Wing assumed operational command of the 35th Fighter Group and continued the group's mission set from Johnson Air Base.

In 1950, the 35th Fighter Wing was one of the first units to respond to the crisis in Korea by flying missions from mainland Japan to support the Pusan Perimeter. In July, the 35th Fighter Wing's operations group and two fighter squadrons deployed to Korea for combat; however, the wing -- with one assigned and one attached squadron -- flew air defense and photographic reconnaissance missions in Japan. In December, the wing headquarters moved without personnel or equipment to South Korea and assumed the resources of the 6150th Tactical Support Wing. From Korea, the 35th Fighter Wing flew F-51 Mustang aircraft in combat operations, including armed reconnaissance, bomber escort, interdiction, and ground support. After suffering heavy casualties, the unit returned to Japan in May 1951 where it remained until its inactivation in October 1957.

In 1966, the Air Force reactivated the 35th Fighter Wing for combat operations at Da Nang Air Base in Vietnam. The wing remained at Da Nang for five months where it scored four aerial victories. These victories made the 35th Fighter Wing one of the few wings in the U.S. Air Force to have attained aerial victories in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. In October 1966, the 35th Fighter Wing relocated to Phan Rang Air Base where it flew vided air

support of ground forces, interdiction, visual and armed reconnaissance, strike assessment photography, escort, close and direct air support and rapid reaction alert missions. The wing continued operations from Phan Rang until 1971 when the unit inactivated with the gradual drawdown of U.S. forces in Vietnam.

The 35th Fighter Wing reactivated the same year at George Air Force Base where it began its long association with the Wild Weasel mission. Initially, the wing provided exercise, test, and training for F-4 aircrew and maintenance personnel. However, in July 1973, the wing began training replacement aircrews for the F-105G, Wild Weasel III aircraft. The Wild Weasel mission is the suppression and destruction of enemy air defenses and the protection of other aircraft from enemy surface-to-air missile systems. In 1975, the wing began similar training for the F-4C, Wild Weasel IV, aircrews.

While assigned to George Air Force Base, the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional) activated at Shaikh Isa Air Base in Bahrain in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD in 1990. In the first days of Operation DESERT STORM, the invasion of Iraq, Wild Weasel aircrews of the wing led and protected waves of fighter-bombers in hostile Iraqi airspace. Throughout the conflict, the wing provided Wild Weasel support, and by the end of the war, the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional) had destroyed 254 radar sites, effectively shutting down the entire Iraqi air defense system. The wing played an essential role in the successful air campaign and completed 3,072 combat sorties totaling more than 10,000 flight hours. Meanwhile, A Base Realignment and Closure commission selected George Air Force Base for closure, and the wing began phasing down and inactivated in December 1992.

In an effort to protect its legacy, the Air Force instituted a heritage scoring system to ensure units with distinguished histories remained active. Out of more than 200 units, the 35th Fighter Wing ranked third, ensuring its place among active units. As a result, the Air Force activated the 35th Wing at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, on May 31, 1993, flying air defense missions in the F-15C Eagle. Sixteen months later the 35th Fighter Wing inactivated at Keflavik and activated the same day at Misawa Air Base, Japan. At Misawa AB, the wing resumed Wild Weasel operations. After achieving initial operational capability on F-16CJ aircraft in 1996, the 13th and 14th Fighter Squadrons and Airmen of the 35th Fighter Wing have repeatedly deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN, NORTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, and ENDURING FREEDOM in Southwest Asia.

## Attachment 1: PACAF Demo Team Fact Sheet



The Pacific Air Forces' F-16 Demonstration Team, the sole combat-capable demonstration team, based at Misawa Air Base, Japan, promotes positive relations between the United States and nations across the Western Pacific. Flying the Block 50 version of the Air Force's F-16 Fighting Falcon, the team demonstrates the awesome power and maneuver ability of the aircraft to the delight of aviation enthusiasts everywhere.

The team averages 20 shows a year at 12 locations across the Pacific, including Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, New Guinea and the Republic of Korea.

### History and Mission

Originally based at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, the team moved to Misawa in October 1995. Basing the team at Misawa help showcase the U.S. and Japan bilateral relationship as a model of successful cooperation.

The team's charter includes three primary goals:

1. Present a positive, professional image of the United States Air Force to the people of the Western Pacific by making personal contact with host nation people on and off the flight line while showing support for the host government through the U.S.' presence.
2. Safely demonstrate the awesome power and maneuverability of the F-16 Fighting Falcon.



3. While on the road, dedicate at least 10 hours on the flight line every day to answer people's questions about the F-16. Afterward, the team devotes time to go out and learn more about the host nation.

## **Pilot**

### **Maj. Richard Smeeding: March 2016 - Current**

The PACAF F-16 Demonstration Team is assigned to the 13th Fighter Squadron -- one of two fighter squadrons assigned to the 35th Fighter Wing. The team includes a hand-picked all-volunteer cadre of one pilot, two narrators and a maintenance team composed of four crew chiefs and five specialists responsible for the aircraft's avionics and electrical systems and engines. Besides their weekend show schedule, team members must be ready to deploy in support of the 35th Fighter Wing's wartime mission while handling their day-to-day jobs within the squadron.