



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES R. STEVENSON JR.

Lieutenant Colonel James R. Stevenson Jr. is Commander of the 155th Operations Group, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska. The wing operates eight KC-135R aircraft providing global reach and airpower projection of expeditionary forces in support of worldwide combat, contingency and humanitarian requirements through air refueling, airlift and aeromedical evacuation missions.

Lt Col Stevenson received his commission through USAF Officers Training School in 1989. He earned his pilot wings in February of 1990 at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma and began his flying career as a First Assignment Instructor Pilot in the T-37B Tweet at Vance. As a UPT IP, he rose quickly in the squadron to Class Commander and eventually Squadron Commander's Executive Officer. In 1994, he was reassigned to fly the C-130E Hercules aircraft with the 347th Composite Wing at Moody AFB, GA where he gained extensive experience within the European and Southwest Asian theaters.



Lt Col Stevenson joined the Nebraska Air National Guard in December of 1997. He subsequently attended the KC-135R tanker qualification course and is now an Instructor/Evaluator pilot. He has held positions in the 173rd Air Refueling Squadron as Flight Commander, Chief of Training, Chief of Tactics, Director of Operations and Squadron Commander. He was one of the initial cadre of pilots qualified on the Block 40 version of the KC-135 and holds the position of senior member of the Air Mobility Command KC-135 Cockpit Working Group. He is the Action Officer for the Air National Guard on the KC 135R Block 45 Service Life Extension program.

Lt Col Stevenson is a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours flight time including combat and contingency operations: Allied Force, Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

EDUCATION

2007 Air War College, by correspondence
2006 Combat Aircrew Tactics Senior Officers Course, McGuire AFB, NJ
2003 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
1994 Squadron Officer School in residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
1987 Bachelor of General Studies Degree, University of Nebraska/Omaha

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1989 – February 1990; student pilot, Vance Air Force Base, OK.
2. February 1990 – July 1990; T-37 Pilot Instructor Training Course, Randolph AFB, TX
3. March 1994 – June 1994; C-130 Initial and Tactical Qualification, Little Rock AFB, AR
4. July 1994- November 1997; C-130E Aircraft Commander 52nd Airlift Squadron, 347th Composite Wing, Moody AFB, GA
5. December 1997 – September 2005, aircraft commander, instructor pilot, evaluator pilot, KC-135R; Flight Commander, Chief of Training and Tactics, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron, 155th Air Refueling Wing,

ASSIGNMENTS CONT

6. Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, NE
7. October 2005 – February 2008, Director of Operations, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron; 155th Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, NE
8. February 2008 – September 2010, Commander 173rd Air Refueling Squadron; 155th Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, NE
9. September 2010 - Present, Commander 155th Operations Group; 155th Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, NE

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: Over 4,000

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130E, KC-135R

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 7 oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Armed Forces Expeditionary medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Services Medal with service star

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 'M' Device and silver hourglass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

Midwest Airlines (Now Republic Airlines) Pilot: First Officer, MD-80 (Military Leave since 2001)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant – 27 January 1989

First Lieutenant – 27 January 1991

Captain – 27 January 1993

Major – 14 October 2000

Lieutenant Colonel – 16 June 2005

(Current as of April 2011)