



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

910TH Airlift Wing (AFRC)

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COLONEL TIMOTHY J. THOMSON

Colonel Timothy J. Thomson is the Commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio. The mission of the Wing is the delivery of personnel, equipment and supplies within a Combatant Commander's area of responsibility. As Commander of this C-130 Airlift Wing, Colonel Thomson is responsible for training and readiness of more than 1,400 reservists. He is also the civilian leader for 400 Air Reserve Technician and civil service employees.



Colonel Thomson received his commission in May 1973 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Arkansas. In October 1973, he entered Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. He spent 15 years on active duty in a variety of flying and rated staff assignments in T-37, OV-10A, WC-130E/H and C-21 aircraft. He began his Air Force Reserve career in 1989 when he was selected as an Air Reserve Technician (ART), C-130H Instructor Pilot, 357th Airlift Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Throughout his 30-year Air Force career, Colonel Thomson has accumulated over 6,000 flight hours in all aircraft types.

As Operations Officer assigned to the 357th Airlift Squadron, a C-130H flying squadron at the 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell AFB AL, he directed and flew contingency airlift missions to numerous countries including Bosnia, Croatia, Haiti, Columbia and Peru. He took command of the 913th Operations Group, Willow Grove ARS PA, in 1996, and, later, was selected as Wing Commander of the 913th Airlift Wing at the same installation in Jan 2001. He led the wing in a variety of deployments and operations associated with the Global War on Terrorism, to include deployment of the Wing's C-130E aircraft to Southwest Asia for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. During Colonel Thomson's command there, the Wing activated and deployed more reservists than at any time since Operation Desert Storm. Colonel Thomson assumed his present duties in command of the 910th Airlift Wing June 20, 2004.

EDUCATION:

1973 BSBA, University of Arkansas
1980 Squadron Officer School (Residence)
1981 Masters, Management, Troy State University
1983 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
1995 Air War College (Seminar)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1973 - November 1974, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.
2. November 1974 - November 1977, T-37B Instructor Pilot, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.
3. May 1978 - May 1981, OV-10A Pilot, Flight Safety Officer, 601st Tactical Control Wing, Sembach Air Base, Germany.
4. June 1981 - June 1986, Instructor Pilot, Operations Officer, WC-130E/H, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.
5. June 1986 - July 1987, Flight Safety Officer, 23rd Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.
6. July 1987 - August 1989, C-130 Systems Safety Officer, HQ MAC/IGFF, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.
7. August 1989 - August 1996, Instructor Pilot, Operations Officer (ART), 357th Airlift Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
8. September 1996 - Jan 2001, Commander, 913th Operations Group, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.
9. January 2001 – June 2004, Commander, 913th Airlift Wing, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.
10. June 2004 – Present, Commander, 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 6,000

Aircraft: T-37B, OV-10A, WC-130E/H, C-21A, C-130E, C-130H

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal with one device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 "M" Devices

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	19 May 1973
First Lieutenant	29 Oct 1975
Captain	29 Oct 1977
Major	1 Mar 1985
Lieutenant Colonel	18 Jun 1993
Colonel	1 Aug 1997

(Current as of June 2004)