



# BIOGRAPHY

*UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

## COLONEL MICHAEL H. MANION

Col. Michael H. Manion is the Commander, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb. He is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping six groups and 31 squadrons executing worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; electronic attack; command and control; presidential support; and treaty verification missions. He is also responsible for base support to more than 50 associate units, including U.S. Strategic Command, 557th Weather Wing, and more than 57,000 active-duty members, civilians, family members and retirees.

Colonel Manion received his commission in 1995 as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has served in a variety of flying, staff and command assignments and has deployed extensively. Some of his deployments include participation in Operations Allied Force, Joint Forge, Enduring Freedom, Autumn Return, Iraqi Freedom, Unified Response and Unified Protector.



Colonel Manion is a master navigator and electronic warfare officer with more than 2,400 flying hours, including 585 combat hours, in the EC-130H, MC-130H, and RC-135V/W.

### EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Science, Finance, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Mo.
- 2001 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Master of Business Administration, Trident University International, Calif.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 2007 U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2008 Master of Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Air War College (correspondence)
- 2014 RAND Research Fellow, Project Air Force, Santa Monica, Calif.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1995 – March 1997, Navigator/Electronic Warfare Student, Randolph AFB, Texas; NAS Pensacola, Corry Station, Fla.
2. March 1997 – October 1999, Instructor Mission Crew Commander, EC-130H, 41st and 43rd Electronic Combat Squadrons, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
3. October 1999 – April 2000, Student, MC-130H Qualification Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
4. April 2000 – December 2002, Instructor/Evaluator Electronic Warfare Officer, Flight Commander,

- 7th Special Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England
5. January 2003 – June 2003, Student, MC-130H, United States Air Force Weapons School
  6. June 2003 – March 2005, MC-130H Weapons Officer and Flight Commander, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
  7. March 2005 – June 2006, Special Operations Forces Instructor, 14th Weapons Squadron, United States Air Force Weapons School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
  8. July 2006 – July 2007, Student, Army Command & Gen Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
  9. July 2007 – July 2008, Student, School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
  10. July 2008 – September 2010, Chief of Strategic Plans/Guidance, 612th Air Operations Center, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; later Commander, Joint Task Force Bravo (-), Joint Task Force Haiti, Port au Prince International Airport, Haiti
  11. September 2010 – June 2013, Director of Operations, 42d Electronic Combat Squadron; Commander, 755th Operations Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; later Commander, 41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
  12. June 2013 – June 2014, RAND Research Fellow, Project Air Force, Santa Monica, Calif.
  13. June 2014 – June 2016, Director, U.S. Policy Division, Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Policy (J5), HQ U.S. Forces Korea, Seoul, Republic of Korea
  14. June 2016 – June 2017, Vice Commander, 39th Air Base Wing, Incirlik, Turkey
  15. June 2017 – present, Commander, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Air Force Combat Action Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Gallant Unit Citation  
Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Star  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars  
Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Star  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
NATO Kosovo Medal with Bronze Star

### **OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS**

2003 USAF Weapons School 03A, 14 Weapons Squadron, Distinguished Graduate  
2003 USAF Weapons School 03A, 14 Weapons Squadron, Flying Award  
2004 Air Force Special Operations Command Electronic Warfare Officer of the Year

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Second Lieutenant  | May 1995      |
| First Lieutenant   | July 1997     |
| Captain            | July 1999     |
| Major              | December 2005 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | March 2010    |
| Colonel            | August 2015   |

(Current as of June 2017)