



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL JOSEPH C. SANTUCCI

Colonel Joseph C. Santucci is Commander, 55th Operations Group, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. The 55th Operations Group executes global airborne intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and treaty verification missions directed by the President and Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, and national intelligence agencies. The group's 11 squadrons and two detachments operate seven separate models of aircraft. The 55th Operations Group is the largest operations group in the United States Air Force.

Col Santucci graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1994. His prior assignments include Chief of Operations at the National Military Command Center, the Joint Staff, Air Staff, Headquarters Air Combat Command, U-2 squadron command, U-2 instructor pilot, and RC-135 instructor pilot. He has deployed supporting Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, SOUTHERN and NORTHERN WATCH, among others. Prior to his current assignment, the colonel was the Chief, Operations Division, Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, United States Strategic Command.

Col Santucci is happily married to the former Jaime Brook Gilligan of Wetherford, Oklahoma, who formerly served as an Air Force Intelligence Officer. They have one child, Anthony.



#### EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science, Engineering Sciences, United States Air Force Academy

1999 Master of Economics, University of Oklahoma

2004 Certificate in Congressional Operations, Georgetown University

2004 Certificate in Speechwriting, Joan Detz School

2008 Master of Arts, Operational Air and Space Strategy, Air University

2013 Doctor of Military Strategy, United States Air Force School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Lorenz Fellowship

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1994-July 1995, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2. July 1995-October 2000, Pilot, Aircraft Commander, Instructor, & Evaluator Pilot, RC-135, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
3. October 2000-May 2003, Mission Pilot & Instructor, U-2S, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
4. May 2003-May 2004, Flying Training Unit Instructor Pilot, U-2ST, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
5. May 2004-June 2006, Special Actions Officer to the Commander of Air Combat Command (ACC), Headquarters ACC, Langley AFB, Va.
6. June 2006-June 2007, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. June 2007-August 2008, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

8. August 2008-May 2009, Director of Operations, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
9. May 2009-June 2011, Commander, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
10. June 2011-May 2012, Deputy Division Chief, Headquarters Air Force, Directorate for Strategy, Plans, and Wargaming, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
11. May 2012-June 2013, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Lorenz Fellowship, The Library of Congress and The George Washington University, Washington D.C.
12. June 2013-September 2013, Student, Joint and Combined Warfare School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
13. September 2013-June 2014, Branch Chief, Policy & Doctrine, Information Operations Division, Deputy Directorate for Global Operations, J-39, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
14. June 2014-July 2015, Chief of Operations, National Military Command Center, Deputy Directorate for Nuclear Command and Control, Homeland Defense, and Current Operations, J-33, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
15. July 2015-July 2016. Chief, Operations Division, Joint Force Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, United States Strategic Command
16. July 2016-present, Commander, 55th Operations Group, Offutt AFB, Neb.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medals

Air Force Commendation Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2009 Air Force Kolligian Trophy

2010 U-2 Dragonlady Association Airmanship Award

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"A Question of Identity: The Use of Torture in Asymmetric War." Journal of Military Ethics, Issue 1, Vol 7, 2008. ISSN 1502-7570.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 1, 1994

First Lieutenant June 1, 1996

Captain June 1, 1998

Major May 1, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2008

Colonel Sep. 1, 2014

(Current as of February 2017)