



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL GAVIN P. MARKS

Col. Gavin P. Marks is the Commander, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb. He is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping six groups and 30 squadrons executing worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; electronic attack; nuclear command, control and communications support, and treaty verification missions. He is also responsible for support to more than 50 associate units, including U.S. Strategic Command, the 557th Weather Wing and more than 57,000 active-duty members, civilians, family members and retirees.

Col. Marks earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1996. He excelled in Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, Miss., and went onto Pilot Instructor Training at Randolph AFB, Texas, where he not only received distinguished graduate honors for his class, but was the top graduate of all student instructors in all trainers in 1998. Afterwards, he went to Vance AFB, Okla. as an instructor in the T-1A where he received the 2000 19th Air Force Instructor Pilot of the Year. He also participated in the prestigious Air Force Intern Program serving in both the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Operational Training Division, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, Asian-Pacific Division, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.



Additionally, Col. Marks went to the U.S. Joint Forces Command's Joint Warfighting Center as an Observer/Trainer in the Joint Training Division, after which he returned to PIT as the Director of Operations and later, as Commander, 99th Flying Training Squadron. He later attended the National War College in Washington, D.C., where he received both distinguished graduate honors and the Dean's Award for academic excellence. He next served as executive officer, Joint Functional Component Command, U.S. Strategic Command, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., and as an operations planner for the Force Management Division, J-32 ISR/CCA, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Prior to his current duty, Col. Marks served as Vice Commander of the 552d Air Control Wing at Tinker AFB, Okla.

Col. Marks is a command pilot with over 3,400 hours in the T-3, T-37, E-3B/C, T-1A, RC-135S/VW, TC-135W, and WC-135C aircraft.

### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Sciences, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.  
2000 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2002 Master's of Science, Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.  
2007 Intermediate Developmental Education - Air Force Intern Program, Pentagon  
2007 Intermediate Developmental Education - Air Command and Staff College, correspondence  
2012 Senior Developmental Education - Air War College, correspondence  
2015 Distinguished Graduate, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
2015 Master's of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
2017 Enterprise Perspective Seminar, Alan L. Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1996 - February 1997, Assistant Executive Officer / Special Projects Officer, 34th Training Wing, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
2. February 1997 - February 1998, Student, SUPT, Columbus Air Force Base AFB, Miss.
3. February 1998 - July 1998, Student, PIT, Randolph AFB, Texas

4. July 1998 - May 2001, T-1A Instructor Pilot, Squadron Programmer, Check Pilot, 32d Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
5. June 2001 - June 2002, Air Force Intern, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
6. July 2002 - July 2004, Assistant Flight Commander, E-3 Aircraft Commander, 963 Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. July 2004 - March 2005, Flight Commander, E-3 Instructor Pilot, 963 Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
8. March 2005 - September 2006, Wing Executive Officer, E-3 Instructor Pilot, 552d Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
9. September 2006 - November 2007, Assistant Director of Operations, E-3 Evaluator Pilot, 964 Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
10. November 2007 - June 2010, Observer/Trainer, J7 Joint Warfighting Center, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va.
11. June 2010 - May 2012, Director of Operations, 99th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas
12. May 2012 - May 2014, Commander, 99th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas
13. May 2014 - June 2015, Student, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.
14. June 2015 - June 2016, Executive Officer, Joint Functional Component Command, U.S. Strategic Command, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2016 - July 2017, Operations Planner, Force Management Division, J-32 ISR/CCA, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2017 - June 2019, Vice Commander, 552d Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
17. June 2019 - present, Commander, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. November 2007 - June 2010, Observer/Trainer, J7 Joint Warfighting Center, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va., as a major
2. May 2014 - June 2015, Student, National War College, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
3. June 2015 - June 2016, Executive Officer, Joint Functional Component Command, U.S. Strategic Command, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
4. June 2016 - July 2017, Operations Planner, Force Management Division, J-32 ISR/CCA, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a colonel

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,400

Aircraft flown: T-3, T-37, T-1A, E-3B/C/G, RC-135V/W, TC-135W, WC-135C

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

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal (OLC)

Meritorious Service Medal (OLC)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Distinguished Graduate, Pilot Instructor Training, Class 98-08, Randolph AFB, Texas

Daughters of the American Revolution Student Instructor Pilot of the Year, 1998

Carl Crane Award for Top Student Instructor Pilot of the Year for all Trainers, 1998

Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Class 00-G, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

19AF Instructor Pilot of the Year, 2000

Distinguished Graduate, Joint Targeting School, 2008

Distinguished Graduate, National War College, Washington, D.C., 2015

Dean's Award, National War College, Washington, D.C., 2015

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

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1996

First Lieutenant May 29, 1998

Captain May 29, 2000

Major May 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2010

Colonel March 1, 2017

(Current as of November 2020)