



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL PHILIP F. ACQUARO

Col Philip F. Acquaro is the Commander, 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. He is responsible for organizing, training and equipping five squadrons of over 850 Airmen to provide combat-ready EC-130H Compass Call aircraft, aircrew and maintainers for worldwide expeditionary deployment in support of the unified combatant commanders.

Colonel Acquaro was born in Big Spring, Texas and grew up on Long Island, New York. He earned his commission as a graduate from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1995. After graduation from Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training in 1996, he was assigned as an Electronic Warfare Officer to the RC-135V/W Rivet Joint. In June 2001, he cross trained into the EC-130H Compass Call and graduated Weapons School in December 2003. Following his graduation from Naval Postgraduate School in December 2007, he was assigned to Headquarters Air Force Plans and Programs Directorate. He returned to the EC-130H in February 2011 as the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron Director of Operations. He also served as the 41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron Commander at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan leading EC-130H operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In September 2012, he commanded the 42d Electronic Combat Squadron, the EC-130H Formal Training Unit, where he led 55 instructors and 150 squadron personnel responsible for the Programmed Flying Training of 200 students in nine crew positions and the execution of 22 Air Combat Command syllabi. Prior to his current position, Colonel Acquaro was the Operations Directorate Current Actions Branch Chief, United States European Command Headquarters, Stuttgart Germany.



#### EDUCATION:

1995 Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
2000 Master of Human Relations, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma  
2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, by correspondence  
2007 Master of Science, Joint Information Operations, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California  
2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, by correspondence  
2015 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1995 – March 1996, Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
2. March 1996 – November 1996 Student, Joint Electronic Warfare School, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida
3. November 1996 – May 2000, Standardization and Evaluations Flight Examiner, 343th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
4. May 2000 – May 2001, Group Standardization and Evaluations Flight Examiner, 55th Operations Group, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
5. June 2001 – June 2003, Flight Commander, 43d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
6. July 2003 – December 2003, Student, United States Air Force Weapons School, 8th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
7. January 2004 – June 2006, Flight Commander, Group Weapons & Tactics, 755th Operational Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
8. June 2006 – December 2007, Student, Information Operations, Defense Analysis, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California
9. January 2008 – February 2011, Chief Program integration Branch/Lead Programmer, Command and Control & Cyber Superiority Division, DCS Strategic Plans and Programs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. February 2011 – September 2012, Director of Operations, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
11. September 2012 – July 2014, Commander, 42d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
12. July 2014-July 2015, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

13. July 2015 – July 2017, ECJ3 Current Actions Branch Chief, USEUCOM HQ, Stuttgart Germany  
14. July 2017 – Present, Commander, 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Master Navigator  
Flight hours: More than 2,500 including more than 270 combat hours  
Aircraft flown: RC-135V/W, TC-130H and EC-130H

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal  
Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2003 Distinguished Graduate, USAF Weapons School, EWO Flying Award & Best Paper  
2004 AF Information Operations Officer of the Year, Category II

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

2d Lieutenant	May 31, 1995
1st Lieutenant	May 31, 1997
Captain	May 31, 1999
Major	July 1, 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	June 1, 2010
Colonel	September 1, 2016

(Current as of August 2017)