



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RAYMOND F. HANDRICH

Colonel Handrich arrived in July 2020 and currently serves as the Commander, 36th Maintenance Group, Andersen Air Force Base, GU. As commander, he is directly responsible for overseeing all aircraft maintenance and munitions support for the 36th Wing. He directs the activities of three permanent and deployed squadrons, and he ensures the 36th Maintenance Group provides a full range of aircraft and munitions maintenance support for contingency, exercise, and peacetime missions operating out of Andersen AFB to meet US Indo-Pacific Command objectives. He also ensures the effective and safe operation of the largest munitions stockpile in the US Air Force.

Colonel Handrich was born in Tucson, AZ and grew up in Oklahoma City, OK. He earned his commission from the Northern Arizona University AFROTC program in May 1997. He has served in various nuclear and conventional munitions and aircraft maintenance assignments. Colonel Handrich is a career maintenance officer, holding various positions including nuclear Munitions Accountable Systems Officer, Flight Commander, Operations Officer, Squadron Commander, Air Force Inspector, and Joint Staff Officer.

Colonel Handrich deployed twice to Iraq, once to Kuwait, and has served over 11 years in overseas assignments including Belgium, Germany, Iraq, Kuwait, Hawaii, and Guam. He has been married 22 yrs to the former Lee Katherine Gregory, a pediatric Speech Pathologist. They have one 11 yr old son, Nathan.



EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science degree, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ
- 2001 Master of Business Administration, University of Phoenix
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2005 USAF Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School, Nellis Air Force Base, NV
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2011 Master of Military Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2014 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997 – January 2000, OIC, Quality Assurance, OIC, Munitions Operations, and Munitions Accountable Systems Officer, 898 Munitions Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
2. January 2000 – March 2003, Weapons Safety Officer, Weapons Flight Commander, Munitions Accountable Systems Officer, 52 Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel AB, BE
3. March 2003 – January 2006, Munitions Flight Commander, Maintenance Flight Commander, Maintenance Operations Officer, 52 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, GE
4. January 2006 – June 2006, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Unit OIC, 52 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, GE
5. June 2006 – July 2008, Munitions Instructor, Director of Operations, USAF Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School, Nellis AFB, NV
6. August 2008 – July 2010, Commander, 4th Maintenance Operations Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
7. July 2010 – June 2011, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
8. June 2011 – June 2012, Commander, 332d Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, Balad AB, Iraq
9. July 2012 – June 2014, Deputy Director, Nuclear Inspections Directorate, Kirtland AFB, NM
10. July 2014 – July 2016, Commander, 702d Munitions Support Squadron, Büchel AB, GE
11. July 2016 – July 2018, Chief, Joint Munitions Branch, HQ USPACOM, Camp H.M. Smith, HI
12. July 2018 – July 2020, Chief, Inspections Division, HQ AFGSC, Barksdale AFB, LA
13. July 2020 – present, Commander, 36th Maintenance Group, Andersen AFB, GU

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Iraqi Campaign Medal with one device

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with three devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with star

Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 9, 1997

First Lieutenant May 29, 1999

Captain May 29, 2001

Major January 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2012

Colonel 1 October, 2018

(Current as of October 2020)