



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL R. ERIC SCHMIDT

Col R. Eric Schmidt is the Commander of the 36th Contingency Response Group, Andersen Air Force Guam. He commands PACAF's finest 911 response force. As Commander, he is directly responsible for leading 486 combat ready Airmen, across 5 squadrons for PACAF's only expeditionary Air Base Opening, Combat Communications, Security Forces and RED HORSE capabilities. He directs Building Partnership activities throughout the INDOPACOM through exercises, Airmen-to-Airmen talks, OPLAN integration, and Subject Matter Expert Exchanges. He also is responsible for PACAF's premier Regional Training Center at Northwest Field, which includes Commando Warrior and Silver Flag, training 2,600 student per year. In addition, he has operational control over the newly built \$23 million austere landing zone at Northwest Field.

Col Schmidt entered the Air Force in January of 1989 and attended Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX. He obtained the rank of SSGT while serving 7-years in the enlisted corps. Col Schmidt attended ROTC at North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant. Col Schmidt's career has included two Squadron Command tours (1-deployed), four Major Command Staff tours, two Airfield Operations Flight Commander tours and SDE and IDE in-residence attendance. Prior to his current assignment, Col Schmidt served as the USAF Senior Advisor to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Directorate of Current Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, HQ USAF, Washington D.C.



EDUCATION

1989 Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
1989 Air Traffic Control Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
1992 Airmen Leadership School, Yokota Air Base, Japan
1998 Bachelors Business Administration and Management, NC State University, Raleigh
1999 Officer Training Program, Tyndall AFB, Florida
1999 Terminal Instrument Procedures Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
2000 Chief, Airfield Management Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
2001 Airspace Management Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi (Distinguished Graduate)
2001 Masters of Economics, Oklahoma University, Norman

2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2008 Intermediate Developmental Education, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, by correspondence
2010 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
2012 Senior Developmental Education, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, by correspondence
2017 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1989–March 1989, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. March 1989–July 1989, Student, Air Traffic Control School, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
3. August 1989–August 1993, Air Traffic Controller, 379th Operational Support Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan
4. August 1993–August 1995, Air Traffic Control Watch Supervisor, 4th Operational Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina
5. July 1998–January 1999, Student Officer Training Program, Tyndall AFB, Florida
6. January 1999–August 2001, Flight Commander, Terminal Instrument Procedures Branch, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
7. August 2001–August 2004, Flight Commander, Airfield Operations 43d Operational Support Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina
8. August 2004–August 2006, Chief, National Airspace Systems, HQ AF Flight Standards Agency, Andrews AFB, Maryland
9. August 2006–December 2009, Flight Commander, Airfield Operations 57th Operational Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
10. December 2009–December 2010, Student, Army Command General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
11. December 2010–February 2012, Chief, Operations and Airspace Planning, HQ AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Colorado
12. February 2012–July 2014, Commander, 51st Combat Communications Squadron, Robins AFB, Georgia
13. July 2014–July 2016, Deputy Commander 354th Mission Support Group, Eielson AFB, Alaska
14. July 16–June 2017, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
15. September 2017–September 2018 Chief, USAF Branch US Embassy Pakistan
16. October 2018–August 2019, Chief, Force Development Branch, Pentagon
17. August 2019–July 2020, Senior USAF Liaison to the Federal Aviation Administration, Pentagon
18. July 2020–Present, Commander, 36th Contingency Response Group, Andersen AFB, Guam

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman June 1989
Staff Sergeant August 1994
Second Lieutenant June 14, 1998
First Lieutenant June 14, 2000
Captain June 14, 2002
Major March 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel August 1, 2013
Colonel September 1, 2019