



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOEL C. HEARN

Lt Col Joel C. Hearn is currently Commander, 554th RED HORSE Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam. He commands 202 members and provides the INOD-PACOM theater heavy construction and repair special capabilities. He also commands the PACAF's only Silver Flag contingency training site, providing combat support training to the Pacific theater.

Lt Col Hearn was born in Portland, Oregon, on 5 July 1980. He has deployed six times. He deployed twice to Iraq in 2005 and 2008 first to support Sather AB and second to support Multi-National Strategic Transition Command – Iraq and was responsible for the construction of Iraqi police stations & training centers. Lt Col Hearn also deployed to JTF-HOA, Djibouti in 2012 supporting humanitarian construction throughout the Horn of Africa. He also deployed to SOCCENT Forward in 2015 as the command engineer, supporting humanitarian, counter drug, and special operations construction throughout Southwest Asia. Lt Col Hearn's also deployed in 2018 to Panama as the deployed RED HORSE squadron commander and supported SOUTHCOM's humanitarian mission NEW HORIZONS. His last deployment was a one year Commander tour in an undisclosed location.



### EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Or

2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Al

2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Al

2009 Masters of Business Administration, Touro University International University, Cypress, Ca

2014 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2004 – June 2007, Deputy, Environmental Flight & Group Executive Officer, 18th Civil Engineer Group, Kadena AB, Japan
2. June 2007 – June 2009, Deputy, Quality Assurance Flight, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
3. June 2009 – June 2011, Flight Commander, Military Construction Flight and Contingency Training Flight, 435th Construction and Training Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
4. June 2011 – June 2012, Program Manager, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill
5. June 2013 – June 2014, Senior Executive Officer, A7 Directorate, HQ Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill
6. June 2013 – June 2017, Engineering Flight Commander, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
7. June 2017 – July 2019, Director of Operations, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
8. July 2019 – June 2020, Commander, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, undisclosed location
9. August 2020 – Present, Commander 554th RED HORSE, Andersen AFB, Guam

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

National Defense Service Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

2012 Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leader Award

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant, May 14, 2004

First Lieutenant, May 14, 2006

Captain, May 14, 2008

Major, April 01, 2014

Lt Colonel, February 01, 2019

(Current as of March 2021)