



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CLIFFORD B. STANSELL

(Retired 1 August 2014)

Colonel Clifford B. Stansell was the vice commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.. The center is composed of a headquarters staff, one wing and two wing-equivalent directorates: the 377th Air Base Wing and Nuclear Capabilities Directorate at Kirtland AFB; and the ICBM Systems Directorate at Hill AFB, Utah. The AFNWC comprises more than 3,500 Airmen at 11 locations in the United States and Europe and is responsible for the entire scope of nuclear weapons sustainment functions.

Before being assigned to Kirtland AFB, Colonel Stansell Served as Deputy Director, Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support, Air Force Global Strike Command. In this capacity, he ensured the readiness of Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles, B-2 and B-52 bombers, and UH-1 helicopters. Colonel Stansell entered the Air Force in 1984, serving more than three years as a jet engine mechanic. After his commissioning as a distinguished graduate of Officer Training School in 1988, he held various positions, including command at the squadron and group levels, duties as an ICBM launch officer, service in multiple fighter/bomber maintenance positions, and duty on both the Air Staff and Joint Staff.



EDUCATION:

- 1988 Bachelor of Science in Law and Justice, Central Washington University
- 1996 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 Leadership Enhancement Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.

DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1988 - February 1989, Student, Undergraduate Missile Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
2. February 1989 - June 1993, Instructor, Evaluator, and Senior Instructor Missile Combat Crew Commander, 321st Missile Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D. (Minuteman III)
3. July 1993 - November 1993, Distinguished Graduate, Aircraft Maintenance & Munitions Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS (Cont.):

4. November 1993 - July 1996, Sortie Generation Flight Commander, 37th Bomb Squadron; Squadron Maintenance Officer, 77th Bomb Sq; Chief of QA, 28th Logistics Gp, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. (B-1 B)
5. July 1996 - July 1998, Maintenance Supervisor, 39th Maintenance Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
6. July 1998 - October 2000, Maintenance Supervisor, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Squadron Maintenance Officer, 492nd Fighter Squadron; Squadron Maintenance Officer, 494th Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom (F-15E)
7. November 2000 - June 2002, Commander, 509th Munitions Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo. (B-2)
8. July 2002 - June 2003, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2003 - July 2005, Chief, Munitions Programming, Combat Forces Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, HQ USAF, Pentagon, Washington, D.C ..
10. August 2005 - June 2006, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2006 - June 2009, Strategic Planner and Chief of Nuclear Policy, Joint Staff Directorate for Strategy and Policy, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2009 - July 2011, Commander, 5th Maintenance Group, Minot AFB, N.D. (B-52H)
13. July 2011 - June 2013, Deputy Director, Directorate of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA.
14. June 2013 - July 2014, Vice Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

2001 USAF Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award, Field Grade Munitions Officer of the Year
1997 Company Grade Officer of the Year, 39th Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant - Aug. 10, 1988
First Lieutenant - Aug. 10, 1990
J~ Captain-Aug. 10, 1992
Major - Dec. 1, 1999
Lieutenant Colonel - March 1, 2003
Colonel - Aug. 1, 2008