



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN A. CLARK

Brigadier General Stephen A. Clark is the Director of Plans, Programs, Requirements, and Assessments, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida. He ensures the 16,000 Air Commandos worldwide are resourced and equipped through force structure planning and programming, establishing requirements, technology development, operational test and evaluation, and acquisition program oversight through U.S. Air Force and U. S. Special Operations Command processes.



General Clark was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program in 1986 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. During his 24 years of active-duty service, he has served as a class commander, assistant director of operations, chief of current operations, chief of safety, and chief pilot. He has also been the chief of AFSOC Operations requirements, executive officer to both the AFSOC vice commander and commander, chief of SOF contingency plans and programs for the Air Staff, senior USSOCOM LNO to the National Counterterrorism Center, and Commander 4th Special Operations Squadron, Commander CFSOCC CJSOAC, and Commander 27 Special Operations Wing.

General Clark is a command pilot with more than 3,500 hours in 13 aircraft. He has flown combat missions in Somalia, Bosnia, Haiti, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

EDUCATION:

1986 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.
1991 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Distinguished Graduate)
1996 Masters of Public Administration, Troy State University, Fla.
2000 Masters of National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
2003 Air War College Non-Residence
2006 Senior Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
2009 USAF Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of Virginia, Darden School of Business
2010 Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, NC

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1987-1988, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas (Distinguished Graduate)
2. 1988-1992, T-37 pilot, instructor pilot, and assistant operations officer, 35 Flight Test Squadron, Reese AFB, Texas
3. 1992-1997, AC-130H pilot, instructor/evaluator pilot, chief of current ops, chief of safety,

- chief pilot, 16th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
4. 1997-1998, Chief, Operations Requirements, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
 5. 1998-1999, Executive Officer to the Commander and Vice Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
 6. 1999-2000, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.
 7. 2000-2002, Chief, Contingency Operations Plans and Programs, Air Staff, Pentagon, Washington, DC
 8. 2002-2004, Operations Officer, 4th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
 9. 2004-2005, Commander, 4th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
 10. 2005- 2006, National Defense Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
 11. 2006-2007, Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component, Special Operations Command Central, Balad, Iraq
 12. 2007-2009, USSOCOM Special Operations Support Team (SOST) Team Chief, National Counter Terrorism Center, Washington, D.C.
 13. 2009-2011, Commander, 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon AFB, N.M.
 14. 2011-Present, Director, Plans, Programs, Requirements, and Assessments, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 3,500

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, C-130 E/H/EC, AC-130H/U, PC-12, M-28, Q-200, Doe-328, CV-22

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Defense Superior Service Medal

Bronze Star Medal one oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal three oak leaf clusters

Gallant Unit Citation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 1986

First Lieutenant 1988

Captain 1990

Major 1998

Lieutenant Colonel 2001

Colonel 2006

Brigadier General 2011

(Current as of 12 October 2011)