



COLONEL SHANE S. VESELY

Colonel Shane S. Vesely is the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. He is responsible for the development of plans, policies, and procedures to ensure efficient operation of the Headquarters PACAF staff and for seamless interface with subordinate commands and agencies. Col Vesely grew up in Beverly, MA and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy, earning a BS in Civil Engineering.

He attended UPT at Columbus AFB and completed multiple operational assignments around the globe. He has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing level. He is a Command Pilot with over 4,500 hours, and has flown the T-37, T-1, C130-E, MC-130E, MC-130H, MC-130J, C-208, UV-18B and CN-235.

Prior to his current position, he served as the Deputy Commander, Special Operations Command Pacific. He is married and has 3 teenage children.



EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
2010 Master of Aeronautical Science in Aviation Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Correspondence
2011 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. 2013 Air War College, Correspondence
2017 Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1998-September 1999, Student Pilot, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. September 1999-April 2000, C130E Mission Qualification Course, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. April 2000-August 2000, MC-130E Mission Qualification Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
4. August 2000-April 2004, MC-130E Pilot/Mobility Officer, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Duke Field, Fla.
5. April 2004-September 2004, MC-130H Mission Qualification Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
6. September 2004-October 2007, MC-130H Instructor Pilot/Executive Officer, 7th Special Operations Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK
7. October 2007-March 2009, MC-130H Evaluator Pilot/Flight Commander, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. March 2009-March 2010, Wing Executive Officer, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. March 2010-December 2010, Assistant Operations Officer, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. December 2010-December 2011, Student, Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kan.
11. January 2012-June 2014, Operations Officer, 1st Special Operations Squadron, Kadena AB, JPN
12. June 2014-June 2016, Commander, 1st Special Operations Squadron, Kadena AB, JPN
13. June 2016-June 2017, Student, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
14. July 2017-September 2018, Deputy, then Director for Operations, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i
15. September 2018-July 2019, Director for Strategy, Plans, & Policy, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i
16. July 2019-June 2021, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Geographically Separated Unit
17. July 2021-July 2023, Commander, 353d Special Operations Wing, Kadena AB, JPN





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

- 18. July 2023-May 2024, Deputy Commander, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i
- 19. May 2024-Present, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawai'i

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

- June 2012-October 2012, Joint Special Operations Air Detachment Commander, Zamboanga, PHL
- July 2017-September 2018, Deputy, then Director for Operations, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i
- September 2018-July 2019, Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i
- July 2023-May 2024, Deputy Commander, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i

FLIGHT INFORMATION

- Rating: Command Pilot
- Flight hours: 4,650 (790 Combat)
- Aircraft flown: T-37, T-1, C-130E, MC-130E, MC-130H, MC-130J, C-208, UV-18B, CN-235

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Superior Service Medal Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters
- Aerial Achievement Medal
- Joint Force Commendation Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster Army Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998
- First Lieutenant May 27, 2000
- Captain May 27, 2002
- Major November 1, 2007
- Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2011
- Colonel April 1, 2018

(Current as of June 2024)

