



COLONEL TIMOTHY J. "STEINER" MEERSTEIN

Col Timothy J. Meerstein is the commander of Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center (PRSC) at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He leads three squadrons and two detachments and is responsible for 43 remote sites across Alaska and the Pacific theater with a total asset value of \$18.1 billion, providing first-line radar, airfield operations, air operations weapon system, communications, engineering, environmental, and logistics support for Eleventh Air Force, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Region, and Pacific Air Forces. He is the installation commander for one air station, two forward operating locations, and 18 remote radar sites supporting air sovereignty, war readiness, and homeland defense missions. He implements government-to-government consultation with Alaskan native tribes and works directly with more than 50 communities across the State of Alaska.

A native of Cornell, Michigan, Col Meerstein is a graduate of Michigan Technological University and earned a commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 400, in 2000. He earned a Master of Business Administration in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix in 2005, graduated from the United States Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School in 2007, and earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies and a Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics from the United States Naval War College in 2020. Col Meerstein has served in various base level and tactical communications assignments at the squadron, group, and major command levels, and deployed five times in support operational missions in Afghanistan, Oman, and Qatar. Prior to his current position, Col Meerstein was the Director of Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) Systems, Cyberspace Operations, and the Chief Information Officer for Headquarters Alaskan Command (ALCOM) and Alaskan NORAD Region, located at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.



EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelors of Science, Business Administration/Management Information Systems, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich.
- 2001 Basic Communications and Information Officer Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
- 2001 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2005 Masters, Business Administration, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 2007 Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2010 USAF Cyberspace Operations Transition Course by correspondence
- 2011 Advanced Cyberspace Officer Training, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2012 Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JCWS), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2015 Cyberspace 300, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2018 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2020 Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
- 2020 Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.





ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2001 – September 2003, Officer in Charge, Computer Systems Flight, 755th Communications Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb., Executive Officer, 55th Communications Group, Offutt AFB, Neb., and Commander, Support Flight, 55th Communications Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
2. September 2003 – July 2006, Chief, Network Operations, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. July 2006 – June 2007, Student, Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
4. June 2007 – August 2010, Commander, Communications Flight, 603d Air Control Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy, and Chief of Maintenance, 603d Air Control Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
5. August 2010 – September 2013, Joint Command and Control (C2)/Command, Control, Communications, Computers, & Intelligence (C4I) Analyst, Joint Center for Operational Analysis, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va., and Joint and Coalition Operational Analysis, Joint Staff, J7 Directorate, Suffolk, Va.
6. September 2013 – June 2016, Chief, Major Command Communications Coordination Center, Communications and Information Directorate, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command (HQ AFSOC), Hurlburt Field, Fla., Communications Systems and Services Division, Communications and Information Directorate, HQ AFSOC, Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Chief, Operations Division, Communications and Information Directorate, HQ AFSOC, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
7. June 2016 – July 2017, Commander, 39th Communications Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
8. July 2017 – July 2019, Chief, Current Operations Division, Air Force Operations Group, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Air Force Headquarters, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and Chief, Directors Action Group, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Air Force Headquarters, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. July 2019 – June 2020, Student, United States Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
10. July 2020 – May 2022, Deputy Commander, 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins AFB, Ga.
11. June 2022 – July 2024, Director of Cyberspace Operations, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) Systems, Cyberspace Operations, and the Chief Information Officer for Headquarters Alaskan Command and Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
12. July 2024 – Present, Commander, Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2010 – September 2013, Joint C2/C4I Analyst, Joint Center for Operational Analysis, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va., and Joint and Coalition Operational Analysis, Joint Staff, J7 Directorate, Suffolk, Va., as a major
2. June 2022 – July 2024, Director of C4 Systems and the Chief Information Officer for Headquarters Alaskan Command and Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, as a colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec. 16, 2000
First Lieutenant Jan. 18, 2003
Captain Jan. 18, 2005
Major Nov. 1, 2010
Lieutenant Colonel March. 1, 2016
Colonel June 1, 2022

(Current as of December 2024)

