



Biography

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COLONEL TIMOTHY F. O'KEEFE JR.

Colonel Timothy F. O'Keefe Jr. is Vice Commander, Armament Division, Air Force Systems Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Colonel O'Keefe was born Aug. 20, 1942 in Cuero, Texas. He is a 1964 graduate of the USAF Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in 1980. He is a graduate of the USAF Test Pilot School, the F-4 and F-15 Fighter Weapons School, the Armed Forces Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the Air War College.



Colonel O'Keefe attended pilot training at Craig AFB, Selma, Ala. Upon graduation in 1965, he was assigned to F-105 Combat Crew Training at Nellis AFB, Nev. From June to December 1966, he completed 100 combat missions over North Vietnam from Takhli AB, Thailand. From January 1967 to June 1972, he was assigned to Eglin AFB as a fighter test pilot in the Air Proving Ground Center. During this period, he attended the USAF Test Pilot School and the F-4 Fighter Weapon School. In November 1972, he was assigned to Udorn AB, Thailand, where he served as Flight Commander in the 555 Tactical Fighter Squadron and as Mission Commander during Linebacker II operations against North Vietnam.

He attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., from January to June of 1974. He was then assigned to Luke AFB, Ariz., as a project officer and test pilot on the F-15 Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) test team. In October 1976 he was selected as the operations officer of the F-15 Blue Force in the ACEVAL/AIMVAL Joint Test Force at Nellis AFB. In December 1977 he was selected as the first commander of the F-15 Fighter Weapons School, also at Nellis. In July 1979 he was transferred to Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va., where he served as Director of Armament and Avionics Requirements and as Chief of the Operations Programs Division.

Colonel O'Keefe attended the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., prior to his arrival at Eglin in June 1982. Since then, he has served as the Deputy Commander for Operations, Vice Commander, and Commander of the 3246th Test Wing.

Colonel O'Keefe is a Command Pilot with more than 4,000 hours of flying time including 600 hours of combat time. He has flown numerous aircraft including the F-4, F-104, F-105, F-15, T-37 and T-38.

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His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with 20 oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

He was promoted to the rank of colonel on December 16, 1979 and assumed his present position in October 1985.

Colonel O'Keefe is married to the former Karen Joy McClurg of Colorado Springs, Colo. They have a daughter, Kristi, and a son, Timothy III.