



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CLARK A. HIGHSTRETE

Colonel Clark A. Highstrete is the Director of Operations (A3), Headquarters New Mexico Air National Guard, Kirtland AFB, N.M. Col. Highstrete develops policy and provides oversight and guidance to insure New Mexico Air National Guard forces are well organized, trained and equipped. He is also responsible for leading strategic planning efforts for the New Mexico Air National Guard and serving on the New Mexico National Guard Joint Staff for Defense Support of Civil Authorities activities.

Colonel Highstrete graduated from the California Institute of Technology in 1989, receiving his commission from the University of Southern California ROTC program. He served on active duty from 1990 to 2000 as an F-16 pilot, mission commander, and instructor pilot, in addition to acquisition manager, physicist, and engineer. Since 2000, Col. Highstrete has served in the New Mexico Air National Guard in a variety of duties from F-16 operations, instruction and command to service on both the Air Staff and Joint Staff.



Prior to his current assignment, Col. Highstrete served as Commander, 150th Operations Support Flight. He is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours including more than 200 combat hours in Bosnia and Iraq. He has served in operations Noble Eagle, Deny Flight, Deliberate Force, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, and Iraqi Freedom. Col. Highstrete is a Drill Status Guardsman; in his civilian role, he performs, leads, and manages research and development for national security applications as a Principle Member of the Technical Staff, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, N.M.

EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2004 Master of Science in Physics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M.
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2008 Doctor of Philosophy, with Distinction, in Physics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M.
- 2009 Excellent Graduate, Air War College Senior Leader Course, by correspondence
- 2012 FEMA Incident Command System Training

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1990 – August 1991, student, undergraduate pilot training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. August 1991 – February 1994, acquisition manager, then physicist and systems engineer, USAF Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
3. February 1994 – November 1994, student, F-16 Basic and MANTIRN Courses, 311th Fighter Squadron and 310th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. November 1994 – October 1997, F-16 pilot and assistant chief of weapons and tactics, then scheduling officer, 510th Fighter Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
5. October 1997 – January 2000, F-16 instructor pilot and scheduling officer, then chief of plans 61st Fighter Squadron, then Air to Ground Flight Commander, 56th Training Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.

6. November 1998 – February 1999, chief of plans, 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
7. January 2000 – March 2003, F-16 instructor pilot and chief of weapons and tactics, chief of training, 150th Operations Support Flight, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
8. March 2003 – October 2006, F-16 instructor pilot and chief of life support, 188th Fighter Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
9. October 2006 – March 2010, Flight Commander, 188th Fighter Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M. and 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Balad AB, Iraq.
10. March 2010 – January 2012, Commander, 150th Operations Support Flight, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
11. January 2012 – Present, Director of Operations (A3), Headquarters New Mexico Air National Guard, Kirtland AFB, N.M. including duty as Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Force Headquarters, New Mexico National Guard, Santa Fe, N.M.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot
 Flight hours: More than 2,500
 Aircraft flown: F-16 C/CG/D, T-37, T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	December 8, 1989
First Lieutenant	December 8, 1991
Captain	December 8, 1993
Major	December 5, 2000
Lieutenant Colonel	January 29, 2007
Colonel	August 9, 2012

(Current as of February 2013)