



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL LEE-VOLKER COX

Colonel Lee-Volker Cox is the Director of Operations and Exercises, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif, responsible for the readiness and policy direction for five global wings with 15,000 personnel providing space situational awareness, satellite operations, missile warning, space superiority, space launch and range operations.

Colonel Cox received his commission from the University of Washington Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1984. He has held a variety of operational and staff assignments at the Wing, Numbered Air Force and Air Staff levels including serving as the Executive Officer to the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Pentagon. He completed assignments in ICBM, satellite and spacelift operations and served as Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia

As Senior U.S. Government representative to Greenland and Installation Commander for Thule Air Base, Col Cox commanded the 821st Air Base Group and was responsible for the operations and security of the Air Force's largest overseas and America's northernmost base. He guided international relations ensuring compliance of all agreements between the U.S., Greenlandic and Danish governments and led the Group to winning the command's Verne Orr Award. Col Cox also served as the acting and deputy commander, 50th Operations Group, Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado leading a 1,000-person Total Force team responsible for \$46 billion in assets operating satellites from eight worldwide facilities. As the commander, 30th Operations Support Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, Col Cox led comprehensive West Coast spacelift operations support from training to intelligence programs; managing airfield and air traffic services; and operating Air Force Space Command's only engineering and fabrication facility. Col Cox led his team to two Chief Master Sgt. Weaver Awards, as the command's best operations support squadron with a space mission. While 20th Air Force Director of Public Affairs, he was instrumental in establishing the U.S.-Russian ICBM military-to-military contact program and was recognized as the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Company Grade Officer of the Year.



EDUCATION

- 1984 Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics (minor in German), Seattle University, Seattle, Wash.
- 1984 Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.
- 1987 Master of Science degree in systems management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 1991 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1993 Post Master's certificate in training and development, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 1997 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2001 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2007 Master of Strategic Studies degree, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1984 - March 1985, student, Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
2. April 1985 - May 1989, Minuteman II Combat Crewmember, Instructor and Senior Flight Commander, 341st Strategic Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
3. June 1989 - July 1989, student, Academic Instructor School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
4. July 1989 - September 1992, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, Saint Joseph's University, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 750, Philadelphia, Pa.
5. September 1992 - August 1996, Director of Public Affairs, Headquarters 20th Air Force, Vandenberg AFB, Calif., and Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
6. August 1996 - June 1997, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. June 1997 - July 1997, student, Satellite Vehicle Operator Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

8. July 1997 - February 1999, Operations Flight Commander, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
9. February 1999 - July 2000, Operations Officer, 50th Operations Support Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.
10. July 2000 - May 2001, Executive Assistant, Executive Review Secretariat, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. May 2001 - May 2002, Executive Officer, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2002 - June 2004, Commander, 30th Operations Support Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
13. July 2004 - July 2006, Deputy Commander, 50th Operations Group, Schriever AFB, Colo.
14. August 2006 - June 2007, student, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
15. July 2007 - July 2008, Commander, 821st Air Base Group and Senior U.S. Government Representative to Greenland, Thule Air Base, Greenland
16. August 2008 - Present, Director, Operations and Exercises, 14 AF (AFSTRAT), Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Certifications: Space Professional Level III, Command Space Badge, Senior Missile Badge with Operations Designator

Space Experience: ICBM operations, satellite command and control, spacelift

Weapons Systems: Minuteman II, Global Positioning System, Midcourse Space Experiment Satellite, Delta II

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Recognition Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Award

Air & Space Campaign Medal with bronze star

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Outstanding Young Man of America

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Company Grade Officer of the Year

United States Air Force Public Affairs Director's Award for Special Achievement

Air Force Space Command Verne Orr Award

Air Force Space Command Chief Master Sergeant Edward W. Weaver Award

Air Force Space Command Arthur Flemming Award

Air Force Space Command Company Grade Officer of the Year

Air Force Space Command Crewmember Excellence Award

California Air Force Association Most Outstanding Small Unit Award

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Strategic Air Command Combat Crew of the Month

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Sept. 4, 1984

First Lieutenant Sept. 4, 1986

Captain Sept. 4, 1988

Major July 1, 1996

Lieutenant Colonel Feb. 1, 2001

Colonel Sept. 1, 2006