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Col Chevalier P. “Chevy” Cleaves



Col Chevalier P. Cleaves is the Director of Admissions at the United States Air Force Academy. He is responsible for recruiting, evaluating, and selecting the nation’s top students to meet the officer needs of the United States Air Force. He oversees development of programs and products to inform the public about Academy educational opportunities. He hosts specifically designed workshops for professional educators and congressional staffers. He combines and focuses a worldwide force of over 1600 Admissions Liaison Officers and a 60-person staff skilled in marketing, internet-based technologies, diversity recruitment, congressional liaison, and selections, while managing an annual budget of over \$1.5M. He also develops policy, strategy, and plans required for admissions programming for the Academy, the Academy Preparatory School, and Falcon/Skelly Foundation Scholarships.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Col Cleaves entered the Air Force in 1985 after commissioning, with military distinction, through the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was a Distinguished Graduate of Squadron Officer School, and received a masters degree from Webster University as an Honor Graduate. He is also a graduate of Air Command and Staff College. He received a second masters degree upon graduation from Senior Service School in the first class of the National Defense University’s Joint Advanced Warfighting School. He has operational experience as a KC-135 Squadron Commander, Instructor Pilot and Assistant Operations Officer, UPT T-38 Flight Commander, and Chief B-1 Companion Trainer Program. Col Cleaves is a member of the Air Force Association, the Daedalians, the Airlift Tanker Association, the Military Officers Association of America, the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, the Aircrew Association and the Norfolk Vintage Pilots Association.

EDUCATION:

1985 Bachelor of Science Degree, United States Air Force Academy, CO
1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
1994 Masters of Arts Degree (Human Resource Development) Webster University
1996 Acquisitions Professional Development Program Level 1 and 2 Academics, Defense Acquisitions University
1997 ACC Flight Safety Program Management, Dyess AFB TX
1997 Aircraft Mishap Investigator Course, Southern California Safety Institute
1998 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2000 Joint Aerospace Command and Control Course, Hurlburt AFB, FL
2000 Tanker Planner Course, Hurlburt AFB, FL
2001 Joint Doctrine Air Campaign Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
2001 SOCOM Asian-Pacific Orientation Course, NAS Coronado CA
2002 USAFE Squadron Commander’s Course, Ramstein AB, Germany
2005 Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), Norfolk VA
2005 Master of Science Degree (Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy) National Defense University
2005 Joint Information Operations Planning Course, JFSC, Norfolk VA

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1985 - June 1986, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th FTW, Laughlin Air Force Base, TX
2. June 1986 - October 1986, Student, KC-135A Combat Crew Training School, Castle Air Force Base, CA
3. November 1986 - May 1989, KC-135A Pilot, Stan Eval Pilot, 379th Bomb Wing, Wurtsmith Air Force Base, MI
4. May 1989 - February 1992, T-38 Instructor Pilot, Check Pilot, Assistant Flight Commander, Flight Commander, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 71st FTW, Vance Air Force Base, OK
5. Feb 1992 - Jan 1994, Chief, B-1 Companion Trainer Program, (T-38A), 384th Bomb Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, KS
6. January 1994 - July 1994, Chief, B-2 Aircrew Training Device Element, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, MO
7. July 1994 - November 1996, B-2 Wing Executive Officer, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, MO
8. November 1996 – June 1997, Deputy Chief, Wing Safety, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, MO
9. August 1997 – June 1998, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
10. August 1998 – November 1998, Student, KC-135R Combat Crew Training School, Altus Air Force Base, OK
11. November 1998 – December 1999, Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, Assistant Operations Officer, 384th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, KS
12. December 1999 – July 2000, Wing Executive Officer, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, KS
13. Aug 2000 – Feb 2002, Chief, PACOM/SOUTHCOM Strategy Branch, Checkmate Division, HQ USAF Pentagon DC
14. Apr 2002 – Dec 03, Commander, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK (and Commander 100 EARS, RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus)
15. Dec 03 – Jun 04, Director of Staff, Headquarters Third Air Force, RAF Mildenhall UK
16. Aug 04 – Jun 05, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College (NDU), Norfolk VA
17. Jun 05 – May 06, Chief, Information Operations Policy and Doctrine Branch, The Joint Staff/J-3, Pentagon DC
18. May 06 – Sept 07, Chief, Program Support Division, The Joint Staff/J-3, Pentagon DC
19. Oct 07 – Pres, Director of Admissions, United States Air Force Academy, CO

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Over 2600 hours (160 Combat/Combat Support)

Aircraft Flown: KC-135A/R/T, T-38A, and T-37B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster (6 Awards)

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Graduated with Military Distinction, USAFA

Top Eagle Award - Best Pilot in KC-135 Squadron

Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School

Honor Graduate – Webster University

Distinguished Graduate – Joint Aerospace Command and Control Course

National Defense University, Joint Advanced Warfighting School (1st Graduating Class)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	29 May 1985
First Lieutenant	29 May 1987
Captain	29 May 1989
Major	1 March 1997
Lt Col	1 September 2001
Col	1 April 2007

(Current as of 6 Dec 2007)