



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MICHAEL E. KLAPMEYER

Colonel Mike Klappmeyer commands the 18th Civil Engineer Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan. In this capacity, he leads the largest civil engineer organization in the U.S. Air Force, comprised of over 1,600 personnel, enabling decisive air and cyberspace capabilities in support of U.S. interests, the defense of Japan, and peace and stability throughout the Indo-Pacific. Colonel Klappmeyer manages an annual operating budget in excess of \$100 million, oversees all planning, design, construction, sustainment, and protection of over 5,000 facilities and related infrastructure, and serves as the executive agent for the largest military family housing operation in the Department of Defense. Additionally, he supports a population of nearly 18,000 Americans and more than 4,000 Japanese through the delivery of essential installation services to include environmental management, fire protection, aircraft crash and rescue, explosive ordnance disposal, disaster preparedness, and incident management.



Colonel Klappmeyer is a distinguished graduate from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Florida and is a registered professional engineer in the state of South Carolina. As a career civil engineer, he has served in a variety of installation, staff, and command assignments, including instructor duty at the United States Air Force Academy.

#### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2003 Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.

2006 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2012 Doctor of Philosophy degree in Civil Engineering, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.

2013 Air War College, by correspondence

2017 Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1997 - July 2000, Deputy Chief of Environmental Quality and Readiness Flight Commander, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

2. July 2000 - July 2002, Chief of Plans and Programs, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron and Wing Executive Officer, 65th Air Base Wing, Lajes Field, Portugal

3. August 2002 - December 2003, student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.

4. December 2003 - July 2006, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering and Executive Officer to the Dean of Faculty, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
5. July 2006 - January 2008, Deputy Chief, Civil Engineer Division, Directorate of Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters 13th Air Force, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
6. January 2008 - July 2009, Chief of Programs Integration Branch and Executive Officer, Directorate of Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
7. August 2009 - May 2012, student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.
8. June 2012 - June 2014, Commander, 61st Civil Engineer and Logistics Squadron, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
9. July 2014 - July 2016, Commander, 19th Civil Engineer Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
10. August 2016 - June 2017, student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (formerly ICAF), National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2017 - June 2018, Chief of Strategy and Future Concepts, Directorate of Civil Engineers, Headquarters United States Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2018 - July 2020, Deputy Director of Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection, Headquarters 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
13. July 2020 - Present, Commander, 18th Civil Engineer Group, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal with six devices  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Dec 20, 1996  
First Lieutenant Jan 2, 1999  
Captain Jan 2, 2001  
Major Sep 1, 2006  
Lieutenant Colonel Jan 1, 2012  
Colonel Jun 1, 2018

(Current as of July 2020)