



BIOGRAPHY

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Col York Thorpe

Colonel York D. Thorpe is the director of the Operations Support Directorate, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He is responsible for program management of all civil engineer education and training, manpower, workforce management, logistics support, automation initiatives, software development and contract support requirements. His directorate is responsible for providing standards and guidance, and implementing policy to the major commands for the operation of facilities worldwide. The directorate also oversees unique civil engineer material acquisition systems, new vehicle purchases, equipment and tools programs, and snow and ice control programs.

Colonel Thorpe was born in Pinetops, North Carolina. He was commissioned through the Reserved Officers Training Corps in 1979. He has held a wide range of positions within the Air Force civil engineer community, including three command billets and serving as a staff officer at the Air Staff; Headquarters, United States Air Forces in Europe and Headquarter, Air Force Materiel Command.



EDUCATION:

- 1979 Bachelor's of Science, Architectural Engineering, North Carolina A&T State University
- 1981 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 1983 Master's of Science, Engineering Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
- 1986 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 1997 Air War College (seminar)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1979 – June 1982, Base Architect, Squadron Section Commander, Chief of Readiness and Logistics, and Chief of Resources, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia
2. June 1982 – October 1983, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
3. October 1983 – July 1987, Chief of Design and Chief of Engineering and Environmental Planning, 4461st Civil Engineering Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
4. July 1987 – September 1990, National Programmer and Chief, Planning and Programs Branch, DCS for Engineering and Services, HQ USAF, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
5. September 1990 – September 1994, MILCON Program Manager and HAF Program Analyst, Directorate of Civil Engineering, HQ USAF, Washington DC
6. September 1994 – October 1995, Chief of Operations, 377th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
7. October 1995 – June 1997, Commander, 377th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

8. June 1997 – August 1998, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command Detachment 1, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
9. August 1998 – July 2001, Commander, 100th Civil Engineer Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom
10. July 2001 – July 2003, Chief, Operations Division, Air Force Materiel Command Civil Engineer Director, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
11. July 2003 – Current, Director, Operations Support Directorate, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Organizational Excellence Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

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| Second Lieutenant | June 15, 1979 |
| First Lieutenant | June 15, 1981 |
| Captain | June 15, 1983 |
| Major | August 1, 1990 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | January 1, 1996 |
| Colonel | October 1, 2001 |

(Current as of October 2003)