



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL KENNETH M. THEURER

Colonel Kenneth M. Theurer is currently assigned as the Commandant of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Maxwell AFB, AL.

Col Theurer was commissioned in 1986 through the Reserve Officer Training Program after graduating from Colorado State University. After commissioning, he attended Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather Air Force Base, Calif. He was then assigned as an F-111F Weapons Systems Officer at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom. From August 1990 to March 1991, he deployed as an Instructor Weapons Systems Officer to Taif AB, Saudi Arabia, flying 29 combat sorties during the Persian Gulf War. In 1991, Col Theurer was selected for the Funded Legal Education Program. Since being designated as an Air Force Judge Advocate in 1994, he has served in a variety of professional and leadership positions. He has served as an Area Defense Counsel, Deputy Chief Circuit Defense Counsel and twice as a Wing Staff Judge Advocate. In addition, he has served as the Executive to The Judge Advocate General, the Chief of the Military Justice Division, and as an environmental law litigation attorney with the Air Force Legal Operations Agency.



EDUCATION:

- 1986 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering; Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.
- 1991 Master of Science, Computer Information Systems; Boston University
- 1992 Squadron Officer School (non-resident)
- 1994 Juris Doctorate; University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio (Order of the Coif)
- 1998 Air Command and Staff College (non-resident)
- 2000 Master of Laws, Environmental and Government Procurement Law; The National Law Center, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (highest honors)
- 2003 Air War College (non-resident)
- 2007 Master of Strategic Studies Degree; Air War College; Maxwell AFB, Ala (highest distinction)

ASSIGNMENTS:

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| Sep 86 - Jun 88 | Student Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif. |
| Jun 88 - Aug 91 | Instructor Weapons Systems Officer, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom |
| Aug 91 - Aug 94 | Funded Legal Education Program, University of Cincinnati, Ohio |
| Aug 94 - Mar 95 | Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Eielson AFB, Alaska |
| Mar 95 - Jul 97 | Area Defense Counsel, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska |
| Jul 97 - Jul 99 | Deputy Chief Circuit Defense Counsel, European Circuit, Ramstein AB, GE |
| Aug 99 - Aug 00 | Student, Master of Laws, Environmental and Government Procurement Law, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. |
| Aug 00 - Aug 02 | Branch Chief, Airspace, Ranges, and Installations Branch, Civil Law Directorate, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Rosslyn, Virginia |

Aug 02 - Jul 03	Branch Chief, Tort and Litigation Branch, Environmental Law and Litigation Division, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Rosslyn, Virginia
Jul 03 – Jul 06	Staff Judge Advocate, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
Jul 06 – May 07	Student Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Jun 07 – Jul 09	Staff Judge Advocate, Travis Air Force Base, California
Jul 09 – Jul 11	Chief, Military Justice Division, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington, MD
Jul 11 – Jul 12	Executive to The Judge Advocate General, Headquarters Air Force, District of Washington
Jul 12 – Present	Commandant, The Judge Advocate General’s School, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Maxwell AFB, AL

RATINGS / FLIGHT INFORMATION:

1985 Parachutist
 1987 Navigator
 Flight hours: More than 700
 29 Combat Missions, 120 Combat Hours
 Aircraft flown: F-111F, F-111D, AT-38, T-43A, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
 Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Aerial Achievement Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 AF Outstanding Unit Award with valor device and one oak leaf cluster
 AF Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster
 Combat Readiness Medal
 National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Southwest Asia Service medal
 Kuwait Liberation Medal

Publications

Captain Kenneth M. Theurer, *Low-Level Conflicts and the Reserves: Presidential Authority Under 10 U.S.C. 673(b)*, 62 U. Cin. L. Rev. 1135 (1994).
 Major Kenneth M. Theurer, *Sharing the Burden: Allocating the Risk of CERCLA Cleanup Costs*, 50 A.F. L. Rev. 65, 68 (2001).
 Colonel Kenneth M. Theurer, Capt Shane A. McCammon, *Justice No Longer Delayed – Improving Referral-to-Verdict Processing Times*, THE REPORTER, Summer 2010.
 Colonel Kenneth M. Theurer, Mr. James W. Russell III, *Why Military Justice Matters*, THE REPORTER, Summer 2010.
 Colonel Kenneth M. Theurer, Mr. James W. Russell III, *PRETRIAL AGREEMENTS: The Hidden Cost*, THE REPORTER, 2011.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 86
First Lieutenant	May 88
Captain	July 90
Major	Dec 97
Lieutenant Colonel	May 03
Colonel	Apr 08