



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL LESLIE S. HADLEY

Colonel Leslie S. Hadley is Vice Commander of the 403d Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. The 403rd Wing is the first U.S. Air Force organization to acquire the C-130J Super Hercules and has executed over 90,000 flying hours in this weapon system. It is the largest tenant unit on Keesler AFB, with more than 1,600 reservists and 20 C-130J aircraft. The wing's mission is to train, equip and employ airlift forces in global support of the nation's interests. This includes tactical air-land and air-drop of personnel, supplies and equipment, aeromedical evacuation and agile combat support. In addition, the wing performs the only aerial weather reconnaissance mission in the Department of Defense.

Colonel Hadley entered the U.S. Air Force in 1990 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy. She commanded the 919th Special Operations Support Squadron and the 711th Special Operations Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base Field 3, Fla. She has held key staff and operational positions at Headquarters Air Force, Air Force Special Operations Command and Air Combat Command. Prior to her current assignment, Colonel Hadley was the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to Director, Air Force Reserve Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. Colonel Hadley is a command pilot and Combat Aviation Advisor with more than 4,000 flying hours in T-37, T-38, T-1A, KC-135R, RC-135 U/V/W, C-130E, MC-130E, MC-130P, and C-145A aircraft. She has flown over 1,300 combat and combat support hours supporting Operations Decisive/Joint Endeavor, Southern Watch, Allied Force, Desert Fox, and Iraqi Freedom.



EDUCATION

1990 Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
1994 Master of Business Administration, Boston University, Boston, Mass.
1996 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2015 Reserve National Security Component Course, Fort Lesley McNair, Va.
2016 Naval War College Theatre Strategy and War Course, Newport, R.I.
2017 Joint Combined Warfare School, Norfolk, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1990 – October 1991, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas
2. November 1991 – December 1994, Squadron Section Commander (banked pilot), 911th Air Refueling Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB. N.C.
3. December 1994 – October 1998, RC-135 Instructor Pilot, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. October 1998 – February 1999, Operations Officer, 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia.
5. February 1999 – July 2000, 55th Wing Operations Group Executive Officer, Offutt AFB, Neb.
6. January 2005 – August 2008, MC-130P Aircraft Commander, Eglin AFB Field 3, Fla.
7. September 2008 – October 2012, MC-130E Aircraft Commander, Eglin AFB Field 3, Fla.
8. November 2012 – September 2014, Commander, 919th Special Operations Support Squadron, C-145A Aircraft Commander, Eglin AFB Field 3, Fla.

9. September 2014 – December 2016, Commander, 711th Special Operations Squadron, C-145A Instructor Pilot, Eglin AFB Field 3, Fla.
10. December 2016 – November 2017, IMA to Headquarters United States Air Force, Special Operations and Personnel Recovery Chief, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. November 2017 – September 2019, IMA to Director, Air Force Reserve Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. September 2019 – present, Vice Commander, 403d Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: 4,200 including over 1,300 combat and combat support hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-1A, KC-10A, KC-135R, TC-135W, RC-135 U/V/W, C-130E, MC-130P, MC-130E, and C-145A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

General Jerome F O'Malley Award for US Air Force "Best Reconnaissance Crew" 1998

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1990

First Lieutenant May 30, 1992

Captain May 30, 1994

Major June 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 23, 2011

Colonel Sept. 1, 2016

(Current as of August 2019)