



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MATTHEW W. CAUDELL

Colonel Matthew W. Caudell is the Commander of the 172d Mission Support Group, Thompson Field, Jackson, Mississippi. He is responsible for directing and leading more than 450 personnel in six squadrons and flights, including Force Support, Civil Engineering, Security Forces, Logistic Readiness, Communication and a Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron gained by Air Force Special Operations Command.

Colonel Caudell was born in Bedford, Indiana and graduated from Mitchell High School in 1995. He then attended the United States Air Force Academy where he graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering. Upon graduation, Colonel Caudell entered active duty as a civil engineer officer. His experience includes base development, contract project management, environmental engineering, technical design, RED HORSE, airborne operations, academic instruction, asset management, and IG inspections. Colonel Caudell has deployed in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, NEW HORIZONS Joint Task Force Guyana 04, Civic Action Team Palau and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Caudell served as the 172d Civil Engineer Commander, responsible for base modernization construction, contract management and development and fire protection.



He is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Colorado with more than 10 years of civil and structural engineering experience.

#### EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala.
- 2015 Master of Science, Civil Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1999–September 2002: Contract Programmer; Officer-in-Charge of Base Development; Deputy Environmental Flight Chief, 347th Civil Engineer Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
2. September 2002–August 2005: Project Engineer; Commander, Airborne Flight, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
3. August 2005–July 2006: Student, Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institution Program, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
4. July 2006–July 2009: Structures Division Chief; Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
5. July 2009–August 2011: Asset Optimization Branch Program Manager; Command Civil Engineer Inspector; Facilities Support & Emergency Services Branch Chief, Office of the Inspector General, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

**ASSIGNMENTS Cont'd**

6. September 2011–Present, Base Civil Engineer; Commander, 172d Civil Engineer Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" Device and six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hour glass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze star

Air Force Training Ribbon

**STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Mississippi War Medal

Mississippi Longevity Medal with three oak leaf clusters

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant, June 2, 1999

First Lieutenant, June 2, 2001

Captain, June 2, 2003

Major, Dec. 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel, April 21, 2013

Colonel, July 1, 2018

(Current as of November 2018)