



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MERRICK E. KRAUSE



Colonel Merrick E. Krause is Director, National Defense University Press (NDU) and Editor, Joint Force Quarterly (JFQ). As Director of NDU Press, Col Krause leads NDU Press in supporting the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of Defense in advancement of Total Force, Joint Professional Military Education, and national security policy analysis, and provides defense and interagency decisionmakers, allies, partners, and the attentive public with a broad spectrum of attractive, balanced, and thoroughly researched professional publications. He also serves as editor of the Chairman's premiere professional military and security studies journal, Joint Force Quarterly. Until late 2004, Col Krause served as Special Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, where his responsibilities included operations research, policy analysis, and strategic communications. Col Krause holds graduate degrees from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, the United States Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the National War College, where he was 2001 distinguished graduate and winner of the Excellence in Writing and Society of Strategic Air Command Golden Eagle Awards.

Col Krause received his commission through the USAF Academy in 1984. Col Krause is an Operation DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, DESERT RESOLVE and SOUTHERN WATCH veteran, leading over 50 missions during DESERT STORM, with over 110 F-15E Strike Eagle sorties in theater. As Chief, Standards and Evaluations for the 4404th TFW (P) in Saudi Arabia, spearheaded the redeployment of the US Air Force's largest composite wing to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Col Krause graduated from the USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada, in 1992, and served in the 57th Wing as Chief of Weapons and Air Warfare Center Senior F-15E Flight Examiner. He served as Commander, F-15E Test Flight, Nellis AFB, where he directed numerous flight test programs, including the execution of largest Air Force Operational Flight Program to that time. At Headquarters United States Air Force, Col Krause served as Chief of Air Campaign Strategy and the Checkmate CENTCOM/SOUTHCOM Team, supporting COMUSCENTAF and the Chief of Staff, USAF, during Operations DESERT FOX, SOUTHERN WATCH, NORTHERN WATCH, and ALLIED FORCE. He was Chief of Weapons and Chief of Contingency Plans in Central Command's Combined Air Operations Center in Joint Task Force Southwest Asia. Col Krause also served as Research Directorate Chief of Staff and Senior Military Fellow at National Defense University's Institute for National Strategic Studies. His research portfolio includes military transformation, integrated operations, coercion, deterrence, aerospace strategy, missile defense, information operations, homeland security, strategic planning and communications, and national security strategy. Col Krause has appeared in several documentaries, led joint and interagency wargames and red-teams, published numerous professional articles, book reviews, monographs, and editorials and he is a member of the Air and Space Power Journal board. Col Krause is a Command Pilot with more than 200 combat and 2,800 flying hours.

EDUCATION:

- 1984, Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Sciences, USAF Academy.
- 1986, Squadron Officer School, correspondence.
- 1990, Master of Aerospace Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.
- 1997, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base.
- 1998, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Master of Arts, Airpower Arts and Sciences, Maxwell AFB.
- 2000, Air War College, correspondence.
- 2001, National War College, Master of Science Degree National Security Studies, National Defense University.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1980–1984, Air Force Cadet, Outstanding Psychology Graduate, Honors, USAF Academy, Colorado.
2. 1984–1985, Student Pilot, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas.
3. 1985–1986, F-4E RTU Student, "Top Aircraft Commander" Award, 21 TFTS, George AFB, California.
4. 1986–1988, Weapons Officer, F-4E Pilot, Moody AFB, Georgia.
5. 1988–1989, Training Officer, F-4E Flight Leader, 336 & 335 TFS Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.
6. 1989, F-15E RTU Student, 461 TFTS, Luke AFB, Arizona.
7. 1989–1990, F-15E Initial Cadre and Flight Examiner, Standards and Evaluations Liaison Officer, Assistant Flight Commander, 4th TFW, 335 TFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.
8. 1991, Acting Chief of Wing Standards and Evaluations, Mission Commander in Operations DESERT SHIELD, STORM, and DESERT RESOLVE, 4404 TFW (P), Al Karj and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.
9. 1992–1994, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Project Officer, 422 TES, Nellis AFB, Nevada.
10. 1994–1995, Standards and Evaluations Flight Examiner, 57th Operations Group, Nellis AFB Nevada.

11. 1995–1996, F-15E Test Flight Commander, 57th Wing, 422 TES, Nellis AFB, Nevada.
12. 1996–1997, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
13. 1997–1998, Student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Top Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
14. 1998–2000, Chief, Aerospace Campaign Strategy, Chief, CENTCOM/SOUTHCOM Team, Checkmate, Pentagon, and Chief of Weapons and Tactics and Chief of Contingency Plans for Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
15. 2000–2001, Student, National War College, Distinguished Graduate, National Defense University, Wash DC.
16. 2001, Chief, Conventional Weapons, Secretary of the Air Force International Affairs, Pentagon, Virginia.
17. 2001–2002, Chief of Staff and Senior Military Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC.
18. 2002–2004, Special Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington DC.
19. 2004–Present, Director National Defense University Press and Editor, Joint Force Quarterly, Washington DC.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Total flight hours / Combat Hours (Desert Storm, F-15E): 2,813 / 217

USAF Aircraft flown: F-15E, F-4E, AT-38, T-38, T-37, T-41

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Joint Commendation Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit with V device and three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

SWA Service Medal with three stars

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas ST Ribbon

Air Force Longevity Service with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Training Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Saudi Arabia)

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1984

First Lieutenant June 1, 1986

Captain Jun 1, 1988

Major Mar 1, 1996

Lieutenant Colonel Jul 1, 1999

Colonel Jul 1, 2004