



UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

Biography

Colonel Darryl W. Grossnickle **Deputy Chief of Staff, USSTRATCOM**

A native of Laurens, Iowa, Colonel Darryl “Hoss” Grossnickle graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1995 and holds Master’s Degrees in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma and in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

A career aviation command and control officer, Colonel Grossnickle’s operational assignments include Commanding Officer, Maine Air Control Group 28, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina; Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans and Policy, Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command, Fort Meade, Maryland; Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group 28 (Forward), Helmand Province, Afghanistan; Commanding Officer for Marine Air Control Squadron 2 (MACS-2), MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina; Detachment Commander, Marine Air Control Squadron 1 (MACS-1) (Forward), Anbar Province, Iraq; Operations Officer, MACS-1, Yuma, Arizona; Detachment Commander, MACS-1, Tactical Air Operations Center, Yuma, Arizona; Detachment Commander, Marine Air Traffic Control Detachment A, MACS-2, Beaufort, South Carolina; Team Leader, Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Team, MACS-1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, MCAS Camp Pendleton, California; Air Traffic Control (ATC) Facility Watch Officer, MCAS Camp Pendleton, California.



Colonel Grossnickle’s staff assignments include Deputy Branch Chief, Strategic Analysis Branch, Strategic Plans and Policy, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Allied Command for Transformation; ATC Action Officer, Headquarters Marine Corps Aviation, Washington, D.C. and Expeditionary Air Fields and ATC Requirements Officer, N88 Chief of Naval Operations, Washington D.C. Colonel Grossnickle also served on Exchange with the Royal Australian Air Force, Headquarters 44 Wing, RAAF Base Williamtown, New South Wales, Australia.

Colonel Grossnickle is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM). USSTRATCOM is responsible for the global command and control of U.S. strategic forces to meet decisive national security objectives, providing a broad range of strategic capabilities and operations for the President and Secretary of Defense.

Colonel Grossnickle’s military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and other personal, service, and unit awards.

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