



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL STEVEN D. FRIEDRICKS

Colonel Steven Friedrichs is the commander of the 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands ANGS, California. Col Friedrichs is a Command Pilot with more than 7,000 flying hours in T-37, T-38, and most models of C-130 aircraft, including the newest CC-130J version now assigned to the 146th. He has been a fully mission qualified instructor and flight examiner pilot for most of his career, and has maintained special mission qualification in the Modular Airborne Fire fighting System (MAFFS).

In 1974, having served the wing as an enlisted member, Col Friedrichs attended the Academy of Military Science at McGhee--Tyson ANGB, Tenn. After receiving his commission, he reported to Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, Miss. After graduating in June 1975, he attended C-130 training at Little Rock AFB, Ark., and returned to the 115th Tactical Airlift Squadron at Van Nuys ANGB, Calif. Col Friedrichs served as a traditional guardsman and civilian airline pilot until 1984 when he assumed a full-time Air Technician position with the wing. He has since held a variety of positions including Chief of Safety, Chief of Standardization/Evaluation, and Commander of the 115th Airlift Squadron. He also served as the Logistics Group Commander and Operations Group Commander prior to assuming his current position commanding the 146th Airlift



EDUCATION

- 1978 Squadron Officer School
- 1984 Bachelor of Science, Finance, California State University, Northridge
- 1986 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1995 Air War College

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1974 - February 1974, Student, Academy of Military Science – McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
2. February 1974 – June 1975, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. July 1975 – March 1984, Pilot Tactical Airlift, 115th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Van Nuys ANGB, Calif.
4. April 1984 – September 1986, Synthetic Trainer Pilot, 115th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Van Nuys ANGB, Calif.
5. October 1986 – September 1988, Flight Safety Officer, 146th Tactical Airlift Wing, Van Nuys ANGB, Calif.

6. September 1988 – June 1991, Flight Safety Officer, 146th Tactical Airlift Wing, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
7. July 1991 - December 1993, Chief Standardization/Evaluation, 146th Tactical Airlift Wing, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
8. December 1993 - January 1997, Chief Standardization/Evaluation, 146th Operations Group, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
9. February 1997 – November 2002, 115th Airlift Squadron Commander, 115th Airlift Squadron, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
10. December 2002 – April 2003, Logistics Group Commander, 146th Logistics Group, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
11. May 2003 - May 2004, Operations Group Commander, 146th Operations Group, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
12. May 2004 – Present, Wing Commander, 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight Hours: More than 7,000
 Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130B, C-130E, C-130H, HC-130 and CC-130J

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Medal With Three Oak Leaf Clusters
 Aerial Achievement Medal With Six Oak Leaf Clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant: February 14, 1974
 First Lieutenant February 24, 1976
 Captain March 4, 1978
 Major February 14, 1988
 Lieutenant Colonel February 18, 1992
 Colonel December 2, 2002

(Current as of September 2004)