



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAVI I. CHAUDHARY

Lieutenant Colonel Ravi Chaudhary is a Speechwriter, Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff Executive Action Group, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, VA. He is responsible for the articulation of strategic policy among the Secretariat, Air Staff, Joint Staff, Interagency and other Services in support of National Defense. He also assists the Secretary, Chief of Staff and Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force with the development of documents on key defense subjects, to include congressional testimony, strategy, industry articles and senior leader speeches. Lt Col Chaudhary was commissioned in 1993 after graduating from the USAF Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering. He has completed a variety



of operational flying and staff assignments, including tours in space acquisition, air logistics, personnel recovery and air mobility. Lt Col Chaudhary has also completed multiple contingency deployments, serving as Commander, 817 Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Detachment 1 and Director of Operations, Personnel Recovery, Multi-National Corps, Baghdad, Iraq. He has flown over 160 combat sorties in the C-17, including in the initial 101st Airborne Assault into Afghanistan, first Convoy Relief missions in Iraq, and critical OSD classified missions.

Lt Col Chaudhary is a published author and has written for the *Air and Space Power Journal*, *Aerospace America* and NASA. He has supported completion of the initial GPS constellation, first C-17 expeditionary squadron deployment, numerous airlift modernization programs and personnel recovery transformation in Iraq. He is an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics, and former NASA intern.

Lt Col Chaudhary is a Senior Pilot and Flight Test Engineer with 3000 hours (760 combat hours) in numerous airlift, trainer, and fighter aircraft. Prior to his current position he served as Assistant Director of Operations and C-17 Instructor Pilot, HQ AMC T&E Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey.

#### EDUCATION

1993 B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, USAF Academy, CO

1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

1999 M.S. in Industrial/Sys Engineering, NASA Graduate Fellow, St. Mary's Univ, TX

1999 DOD Level III Acquisition Certification, T&E, Defense Acquisition Univ, VA  
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2008 Air War College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL  
2008 Joint Personnel Recovery Coordinator's Course, USJFCOM, VA

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1993, Delta II Propulsion Engineer, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA
2. June 1995, Aeronautical Engineer, San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Kelly AFB, TX
3. July 1996, T-37, T-38 and C-5 Flight Test Engineer, 313th Flight Test Squadron, Kelly AFB, TX
4. March 1998, Lead C-5 and C-130 Flight Test Engineer, NASA Intern, 339th Flight Test Squadron, Robins AFB, GA
5. April 2000, Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX
6. October 2001, C-17A Aircraft Commander and Readiness Flight Commander Director of Staff, 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, and Deputy Chief, Wing Training, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, SC
7. August 2005, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
8. July 2006, C-17 Instructor Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command Test and Evaluation Squadron, McGuire AFB, NJ
9. May 2008, Director of Operations, Joint Personnel Recovery Coordination Center, Headquarters Multi-National Corps, Iraq (Deployed)
10. March 2009 - Present, Speechwriter, SECAF-CSAF Executive Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: Over 3000 (700 combat)

Aircraft Flown (Pilot): C-17

Flight Test Engineer: C-17, C-5, C-141, M/WC-130, T-37, T-38, F-15E

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Ira C. Eaker Award

Associate Fellow, American Inst of Aeronautics

NASA Rotary National Space Award

NASA Graduate Student Research Fellowship

Squadron Officer School Superior Leadership Award

Kelly AFB Technical Manager of the Year

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Outstanding Unit Award (awarded with "V" device)

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June, 1993

First Lieutenant June, 1995

Captain June, 1997

Major October, 2003

Lt Col October, 2008 (Current as of April 2009)