

## ***55th Wing Representative : Lieutenant Colonel Mohan S. Krishna***



Lieutenant Colonel Mohan S. Krishna is the Commander of the 343d Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He is responsible for providing 117 combat-ready aircrew members and support personnel for worldwide deployment to conduct politically-sensitive, potentially hostile RC-135 RIVET JOINT reconnaissance missions as directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Colonel Krishna was born in Bethesda, Maryland on 1 January 1970. He was raised in Rockville, Maryland where he attended Charles W. Woodward High School. He attended the United States Air Force Academy, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He received a Masters of Business Administration from the

University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 2003 and a Masters of Military Arts and Science from Air Command and Staff College in 2006. Colonel Krishna completed Squadron Officer School in residence in 1999 and Air Command and Staff College in residence in 2006. Additionally, he completed Air War College by correspondence in 2008.

Col Krishna's first assignment, after receiving his commission, was to Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer Course at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. After graduation, he reported to the 347th Fighter Wing at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.

He served as the flight commander for Avionics Flight, Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight and Support Section Flight before receiving orders. He attended Undergraduate Navigator Training at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida, followed by Joint Electronic Warfare Course at Corey Station, Florida. Colonel Krishna's first operational flying assignment was to the 343d Reconnaissance Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska from 1997-1999 as an RC-135 RIVET JOINT Electronic Warfare Officer. He served as an instructor electronic warfare officer and assistant flight commander and deployed in support of Operations NOBLE ANVIL, NORTHERN WATCH AND SOUTHERN WATCH before being selected as the 55th Operations Group Executive Officer. During his time at the Operations Group, he also deployed as the Executive Officer and Protocol Officer for the 763d Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates. In 2001 Colonel Krishna returned to the 343d Reconnaissance Squadron, serving as a flight commander and Chief of the Commander's Action Group. In September 2001, he deployed to Thumrait Air Base, Oman, as a tactics officer for the start of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In February 2003 he deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, as the lead Assistant Operations Officer for the start of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. After returning from Saudi Arabia, Colonel Krishna was reassigned to the National Security

**Agency, Maryland, where he served as the Operations Officer and Requirements Chief for the Electromagnetic Space Program Office. His program office developed a new computer system to allow warfighters to access and use various sources of data and better employ electronic warfare assets. In 2005, Colonel Krishna was selected to attend Air Command and Staff College, at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He graduated in June 2006 and was again assigned to the 343d Reconnaissance Squadron. He was picked to serve as the Director of Operations for the 763d Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron during the summer of 2007 and was then selected to serve as Director of Operations for the 55th Operations Support Squadron upon his return. Most recently Col Krishna was interim Director for 55th Wing Plans and Programs.**

**Colonel Krishna is a Senior Navigator with over 1,800 flying hours, to include over 200 combat/combat support flying hours.**

**He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 1 December, 2007. He is currently assigned as commander of the 343d Reconnaissance Squadron. Colonel Krishna is married to the former Susanne Miedema of San Diego, California. They have four children, Kevin, Mallory, Cameron and Cullen.**