

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. Thibodeaux

Lt Col Thomas W. (Wes) Thibodeaux served in a variety of operational and staff positions in the *Fightin' Fifty-fifth*. Thibodeaux's incredible 46+ years professional affiliation as a 55th Wing RC-135 navigator, instructor and evaluator supported the 38th Strategic Reconnaissance, 55th Operational Support and 338th Combat Training Squadrons; plus, the 55th Wing staff. Lt Col Thibodeaux's staff affiliations with the Wing were equally impactful. His RC-135 Evaluator Navigator experience was critical to operational success at HQ SAC's 1st Combat Evaluation Group (CEVG). At HQ USSTRATCOM, Lt Col Thibodeaux's ISR expertise shone as the Command's Branch Chief for National Collections/Plans. This expertise was additional critical as Thibodeaux returned to the 55th Wing following USSTRATCOM. Back at the Wing, he directed exercises and future plans vital to *Fightin' Fifty-fifth* mission success. His exceptional Navigator track record eventually led to Lt Col Thibodeaux's handpicked selection as initial cadre upon 338th CTS stand-up. Lt Col Thibodeaux's continues to admirably serve in his Instructor Navigator capacity, literally training hundreds of 55th Wing Navigator students over his distinguished career.