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Lieutenant Colonel Russell O. Davis came to the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in July 2016 as a USAF Blue Horizons Fellow after serving as the Senior Strategist and Deputy Chief of the Policy and Strategy Division (J56) at Headquarters United States Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. As Senior Strategist, he served as the principal advisor to the Commander of U.S. Pacific Command on Indo-Asia-Pacific strategy and theater posture initiatives. Additionally, he led the command's joint force resiliency effort, shaping senior Department of Defense leadership decisions for future theater engagement and capability investment requirements.

Lt Col Davis entered the Air Force in 1992 via the Delayed Enlistment Program. Following four years of enlisted service, he received his commission as a distinguished graduate from Officer Training School in August 1996. At the tactical level, he has served as an Instructor Minuteman III launch control officer and a KC-135 instructor and evaluator pilot. His operational experience includes multiple combat deployments for Operations IRAQI/ENDURING FREEDOM, JOINT GUARDIAN, NORTHERN WATCH and NOBLE EAGLE. He has extensive staff experience having served at Headquarters Third Air Force, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, United States Transportation Command, and United States Pacific Command.

Lt Col Davis' Asia-Pacific experience includes operational assignments flying combat support missions from the British Indian Ocean Territory of Diego Garcia and commanding a KC-135 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at Manas Air Base in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. His staff assignments within Asia-Pacific include eighteen months at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces as Chief of Strategy and Requirements Development, and over three years at Headquarters U. S. Pacific Command as the Combatant Command's Senior Planner/Deputy Chief of the Strategic Plans Division (J54) in the Strategy, Planning and Policy Directorate (J5), and Senior Program Manager within Commander, U. S. Pacific Command's China Strategic Focus Group.

Lt Col Davis holds an Associate of Applied Science in Electronic Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force, a Bachelor of Science, summa cum laude in Systems Management from Colorado Technical University, a Master of Business Administration, with Graduate Honors from Regis University, and a Master of Military Arts & Science with emphasis in Theater Operations from the United States Army's School of Advanced Military Studies.

Lt Col Davis is a Senior Pilot with over 2,200 hours in the T-37, T-1, KC-135R and KC-135T. His military education includes, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, Minuteman III ICBM Initial Qualification Training, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Combat Survival Training, Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence), Combat Aircrew Tactics Course, Army Command and General Staff College (via distance learning), Army's Advanced Military Studies Program, Joint Air Operations Planning Course, Asia-Pacific Orientation Course, and Air War College, (by correspondence).

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and Headquarters Pacific Air Forces 2011 Team and Action Officer of the Year.