



Royal Cambodian Air
Force
Headquarters

BIOGRAPHY

ROYAL CAMBODIAN AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SOEUNG SAMNANG

Lt. General Soeung Samnang is the Commander of Royal Cambodian Air Force, RCAF Headquarters in Phnom Penh. He took up the appointment on January 24, 1999 having previously helped the appointment of Deputy-Commander of RCAF in Air Force Headquarters, Pochentong. Lt. General Soeung Samnang was born on August 05, 1954 and comes from Kompong Chhnang province. He was educated at Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Lt. General Samnang joined the Cambodian Armed Forces on March 01, 1979. Then he was sent to study in former USSR in 1980, at Serova Flight Training Academy, Krasnoda Region as an Academy Officer Cadet. In 1982 he commenced his pilot training at Kushow Air Base and was awarded his Wings in 1984. Following initial training Lt. General Samnang flew the jet fighter MiG-21 BIS.

Since 1984 he commenced a four-year exchange training with No 935 Air Regiment, 370 Air Division at Bien Hoa Air Base, Republic Socialist of Viet Nam. In 1986 he completed a Fighter Instructors Course and he was promoted to be a Tactical Fighter Squadron Leader.

In 1987 he attended the Air Command and Staff College, Viet Nam Air Force. Before returning from Republic Socialist of Viet Nam, in 1988, he was appointed as No 701 Air Regiment Commander.

In 1989 Lt. General Samnang successfully led and moved the No 701 Air Regiment from Bien Hoa Air Base, Republic Socialist of Viet Nam to Pochentong Military Air Base, Cambodia.

In 1990 he enjoyed one year as a Vice-Chief of Air Force, Air Defense, and Civil aviation Department in charge of Flight Safety and Air Operations. From 1991 to 1993 Lt. General Samnang was posted to Department of Civil Aviation and took up the appointment of Deputy-General Director. After 1993 General Election in Cambodia, he was transferred to the RCAF Headquarters again and appointed as the Deputy-Chief of Staff of RCAF.

In 1995 he attended the Bulgarian Air Force Academy, G. Benkoski, and IAI Training Center Ben Gurion, Israel. On returning to Cambodia, Lt. General Samnang was appointed the Deputy-Commander of Royal Cambodian Air force. At the beginning of 1997 he attended the Program of Joint Armed Forces Course in Cambodian Military Institute.

On January 1999 Lt. General Samnang was appointed as Commander of Royal Cambodian Air Force, RCAF Headquarters, Pochentong, Phnom Penh.

Lt. General Soeung Samnang is married to Mrs. Ou Sethiry. They have two daughters, Putheany and Saomonich, and a son, Puthineath.



EDUCATION

- 1973 Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 1979 Logistics and Transportation School, 7th Military Region, Vietnam.
- 1980 Flight Training Academy, "SEROVA", Krasnoda, ex-USSR.
- 1986 Fighter Instructor Course, Viet Nam Air Training Regiment.
- 1987 Air Command and Staff College, Vietnam Air Force Institute.
- 1995 Bulgarian Air Force Academy, "G. BENKOSKI", Bulgaria.
- 1995 "IAI" Training Center, "BEN GURION", Israel.
- 1997 Cambodian Military Institute, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts Degree in English for International Business, IFL, Royal University of Phnom Penh.
- 2009 Master of Laws Degree in Public Administration, Royal University of Law and Economics.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1982 Flight Training Academy, "Serova", cadet.
2. 1984 Graduated Fighter Pilot of MIG-21 BIS.
3. 1986 Tactical Fighter Squadron Leader.
4. 1988 No 701 Air Force Regiment Commander.
5. 1990 Vice-Chief of Air Force, Air Defense, and Civil aviation Department.
6. 1991 Deputy General Director of Civil Aviation
7. 1993 Deputy-Chief of Staff, Royal Cambodian Air Force.
8. 1995 Deputy-Commander of Royal Cambodian Air Force .
9. 1999 Commander of Royal Cambodian Air Force.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Tactical Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 600 hrs

Air Craft Flown: Cessna-172, L-39, MiG-21 BIS

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Grand Cross of Royal Order of Merit National (Moha sereiwath)

Grand Cross of Order of Merit Sowathara (Moha sereiwath)

Grand Cross of Order of Merit Monisaraphon (Moha sereiwath)

Grand Officer of Royal Order of Merit National (Moha sena)

Grand Officer of Order of Merit Sowathara (Moha sena)

Grand Officer of Order of Merit Monisaraphon (Moha sena)

National Defense Medal (Sena Jayaseddh)

Commander of Order of Merit Sowathara (Thipdin)

Two – Gold National Defense Medals

Two – Silver National Defense Medals

Two – Bronze National Defense Medals

Three – Gold Medals of Duty

Three – Gold National construction Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

1982 Second-Lieutenant

1984 First - Lieutenant

1986 Senior- Lieutenant

1988 Captain

1990 Major

1991 Lt. Colonel

1992 Colonel

1993 Brigadier General

1999 Major General.

2000- Lieutenant General

Date, 24 July, 2012

Signature

Lieutenant General SOEUNG SAMNANG