



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RICHARD C. SHEFFE

Colonel Richard Sheffe is the Director of Research and Development and Faculty Instructor in the Department of Command, Leadership and Management at the U. S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. In this role, Colonel Sheffe instructs senior U.S. and international military officers and civilians in the subjects of Strategic Leadership and Defense Management. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Sheffe was the Commander, 65th Air Base Group, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal, serving as the senior U.S. officer and installation commander for the U.S. forces at Lajes Field.

Colonel Sheffe is a senior pilot with more than 2,600 flight hours. He has flown combat and combat support missions during Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and served in a variety of positions at the squadron, group, and wing levels. He has also served on the staffs at U.S. Central Command and within the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. He is a former Squadron Commander of the 15th Air Mobility Operations Squadron, responsible for supplying Air Mobility Division experts to the U.S. Air Operations Centers worldwide.



Colonel Sheffe graduated and received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1994 and is a graduate of the Naval Command and Staff College and the NATO Defence College in Rome, Italy. He is married to his wife, Jennie, and has four children.

EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO.
2007 Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI.
2013 Graduate, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Defence College, Rome, Italy.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1994 – October 1995, C-17 Computer Developmental Engineer, 1275th Test & Evaluation Squadron, Edwards AFB, California
2. October 1995 – July 1997, Chief, B-2 Software Evaluation Section, 31st Test & Evaluation Squadron, Edwards AFB, California
3. July 1997 – April 1998, Chief Software Engineer, Det 8, Space & Missile Systems Center, Cape Canaveral AFS, Florida
4. April 1998 – July 1999, Student Pilot, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
5. July 1999 – June 2000, Safety Officer, C-5 Pilot, 21st Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, California
6. June 2000 – May 2001, Chief, OPR/Recognition, C-5 Pilot, 21st Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, California
7. May 2001 – May 2002, Command and Control Officer, C-5 Pilot, 21st Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, California
8. May 2002 – Mar 2003, Flight Commander/Chief Executive Officer, C-5 Aircraft Commander, 21st Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, California
9. March 2003 – February 2004, Chief, Squadron Training, C-5 Instructor Pilot, 9th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, Delaware
10. February 2004 – September 2004, Assistant Chief, Operations Group Training Division, C-5 Instructor Pilot, 9th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, Delaware
11. September 2004 – June 2006, Flight Commander, Aircrew Training, C-5 Instructor Pilot, 436th Operations Support Squadron, Dover AFB, Delaware

12. June 2006 – June 2007, Student, Intermediate Developmental Education, US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island
13. June 2007 – June 2009, Joint and Combined Exercise Planner, US Central Command, Macdill AFB, Florida
14. June 2009 – July 2010, Chief of Safety/Director of Staff, 615th Contingency Response Wing, Travis AFB, California
15. July 2010 – March 2011, Operations Officer, 15th Air Mobility Operations Squadron, Travis AFB, California
16. March 2011 – June 2012, Commander, 15th Air Mobility Operations Squadron, Travis AFB, California
17. June 2012 – February 2013, Deputy Commander, 571st Contingency Response Group, Travis AFB, California
18. February 2013 – September 2013, Student, Senior Developmental Education, NATO Defence College, Rome, Italy
19. September 2013 – August 2015, Chief, Nuclear Operations, Headquarters Allied Joint Force Command (NATO), Brunssum, The Netherlands
20. August 2015 – August 2016, Commander, 65th Air Base Group, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal
21. August 2016 – Present, Faculty Instructor, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,600

Aircraft flown: C-5

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1994

First Lieutenant June 1996

Captain June 1998

Major March 2004

Lieutenant Colonel March 2007

Colonel June 2015

(Current as of September 2016)