



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ADAM W. SHELTON

Col Adam W. Shelton is the Division Chief of Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and the Advance Battle Management System capability requirements, Headquarters Air Force, Washington D.C. He is responsible for and manages five diverse Air Force branches delivering all capabilities and requirements development for C2ISR missions. In this role, he also interfaces and advocates for Air Force requirements with Major Commands, Air Staff, Joint Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and Congressional Staffers. Additionally, he provides operations perspective and integrates with the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Process while reviewing requirements and policy recommendations for the Department of the Air Force.

Colonel Shelton entered the Air Force in 2001 as a distinguished graduate of the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He has served in a variety of leadership positions including qualifications as an E-3 air battle manager instructor/evaluator, Chief Weapons and Tactics, Chief Standardization and Evaluations, Assistant Director of Operations, and Director Joint Special Operations Air Detachment, Squadron Director of Operations and Commander. Colonel Shelton has flown in and supported numerous contingency operations, some of which include Operations NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, UNIFIED PROTECTOR, NEW DAWN, and INHERENT RESOLVE. Prior to his current position, the colonel was National Security Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.



EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Science in Computer Management and Information Systems, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- 2002 Aerospace Basics Course, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.
- 2007 Tactical Electronic Warfare Operations Course, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Distinguished Graduate, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2012 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2014 Master of National Security and Strategic Studies, Distinguished Graduate, College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- 2020 National Security Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Ma.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2002 – March 2003, Student, Undergraduate Air Battle Management Training, 325th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2. March 2003 – July 2004, E-3 Air Weapons Officer, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.

3. August 2004 – December 2008, Evaluator Air Battle Manager and Chief of Standardization and Evaluations, 325th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. January 2009 – July 2009, Student, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. August 2009 – June 2011, Instructor Senior Director and Chief Weapons and Tactics, 963th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
6. July 2011 – June 2012, Mission Crew Commander and Chief Operations Group Weapons and Tactics, 552d Operations Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. July 2012 – June 2013, Assistant Director of Operations, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
8. July 2013 – June 2014, Student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, R.I.
9. July 2014 – May 2016, Chief C2ISR Operations, Aviation Tactics and Evaluation Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.
10. May 2016 – June 2017, Director of Operations, 552d Operations Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
11. June 2017 – June 2019, Commander, 552d Operations Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
12. June 2019 – June 2020, National Security Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Ma.
13. June 2020 – May 2021, Division Chief, C2ISR and ABMS Requirements, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Air Battle Manager

Flight hours: More than 1,000 including more than 100 combat hours

Aircraft flown: E-3 B/C/G

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Army Combat Action Badge

Air Education and Training Command Master Instructor

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant January 3, 2002

First Lieutenant January 3, 2004

Captain January 3, 2006

Major January 1, 2012

Lieutenant Colonel November 1, 2016

Colonel March 1, 2021

(Current as of July 2021)