



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL SHAYNE R YORTON

Col Shayne R. Yorton is the Commander of the 505th Combat Training Group (CTG), Nellis AFB, NV. As Commander, Colonel Yorton is responsible for integrating, testing, and training Command and Control weapon systems for multi-domain operations. The 505 CTG includes more than 430 personnel and is a subordinate unit of the 505th Command and Control Wing located at Hurlburt Field, FL.

Col Yorton graduated from Montana State University in May of 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and received his commission through the University's Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. He attended The Undergraduate Air Battle Manager training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He has flown over 1500 hours as an Air Weapons Officer, Instructor Senior Director and Mission Crew Commander on-board AWACS.



His most recent assignments include Director of the Joint Interoperability Division at Pope AAF, Chief of the NATO E-3A Strategic Requirements Branch located in Mons, Belgium, and Commander of the 726th Air Control Squadron at Mountain Home AFB, ID. Col Yorton has combat and combat support time while serving in Operations NOBLE EAGLE and ENDURING FREEDOM. He has held qualifications in multiple command and control systems including the E-3 AWACS, the Hughes 222 Command and Control System, Control and Reporting Center (CRC), and the Battlespace Command and Control Center (BC3).

### EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
- 1999 Master of Science in Human Resource Management, Troy State University
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2003 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
- 2009 National Defense Intelligence College, DIA, Bolling AFB, D.C.
- 2017 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

### ASSIGNMENTS

- June 1996 – May 1997: Student, Air Battle Manager Course, Tyndall AFB, FL
- May 1997 – May 1998: Instructor, 325th Training Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
- May 1998 – March 2000: Assistant Flight Commander, 325th Training Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
- March 2000 – April 2001: Assistant Chief of Weapons & Tactics, 621st ACS, Osan AB ROK
- April 2001 – May 2001: Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- May 2001 – May 2002: Air Weapons Officer, 963rd AACS, Tinker AFB, OK
- May 2002 – January 2003: Assistant Chief of Weapons & Tactics, 963rd AACS, Tinker AFB, OK
- January 2003 – June 2003: Student USAF Weapons School, 8th WPS, Nellis AFB, NV

June 2003 – June 2005: Chief of Tactics, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK  
June 2005 – June 2006: Flight Commander, 8th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV  
June 2006 – May 2007: Assistant Operations Officer, 8th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV  
May 2007 – August 2008: Operations Officer, 8th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV  
August 2008 – July 2009: Student, National Defense Intelligence College, DIA, Bolling AFB, D.C.  
July 2009 – July 2011: ABM Career Field Manager, HAF A3O-AT, Pentagon, D.C.  
July 2011 – August 2012: Director of Ops, 726<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron, MT Home AFB, ID  
August 2012 – July 2014: Commander, 726<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID  
July 2014 – December 2015: Chief, Strategic Rqmts Branch, NAEW&C Force Command, SHAPE, Belgium  
December 2015 – July 2016: Chief, Commander's Action Group, NAEW&C Force HQs, SHAPE, Belgium  
July 2016 – June 2017: Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL  
June 2017 – June 2019: Director, Joint Interoperability Division and Training Center, Joint Staff/J-7, Ft Bragg, NC  
June 2019 – July 2019: Commander, 505th Test and Evaluation Group, Nellis AFB, NV  
August 2019 – Present: Commander, 505th Combat Training Group, Nellis AFB, NV

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Air Battle Manager  
Flight hours: 1,505  
Aircraft Flown: E-3 B/C AWACS

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Meritorious Unit Award  
AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device  
Combat Readiness Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
Air Force Longevity Service  
Expert Marksmanship Ribbon  
Air Force Training Ribbon

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	5 May 1996
First Lieutenant	29 May 1998
Captain	29 May 2000
Major	1 June 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	1 September 2011
Colonel	31 October 2017

(Current as of Aug 2019)