



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, Nev. As Commander, Col. Yorton is responsible for the development, experimentation, integration, and training of command and control weapon systems for Joint All-Domain Command and Control 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, Fla.

Col. Yorton graduated from Montana State University in May 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 (AFB), Fla. He has flown over 1,500 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 Army Air Field, N.C., 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, Idaho. 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). Prior to his current position, the colonel was the Director, Joint Interoperability Division and Training Center, Joint Staff/Joint Force Development (J7), Fort Bragg, N.C.



EDUCATION

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

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1996 – May 1997, Student, Air Battle Manager Course, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2. May 1997 – May 1998, Instructor, 325th Training Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. May 1998 – March 2000, Assistant Flight Commander, 325th Training Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. March 2000 – April 2001, Assistant Chief of Weapons & Tactics, 621st Air Control Squadron, Osan AB ROK
5. April 2001 – May 2001, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. May 2001 – May 2002, Air Weapons Officer, 963rd AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. May 2002 – January 2003, Assistant Chief of Weapons & Tactics, 963rd AACS, Tinker AFB, Okla.
8. January 2003 – June 2003, Student USAF Weapons School, 8th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. June 2003 – June 2005, Chief of Tactics, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
10. June 2005 – June 2006, Flight Commander, 8th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. June 2006 – May 2007, Assistant Operations Officer, 8th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. May 2007 – August 2008, Operations Officer, 8th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
13. August 2008 – July 2009, Student, National Defense Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, D.C.
14. July 2009 – July 2011, ABM Career Field Manager, HAF A30-AT, Pentagon, D.C.
15. July 2011 – August 2012, Director of Ops, 726th Air Control Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
16. August 2012 – July 2014, Commander, 726th Air Control Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
17. July 2014 – December 2015, Chief, Strategic Requirements Branch, NAEW&C Force Command, SHAPE, Belgium
18. December 2015 – July 2016, Chief, Commander's Action Group, NAEW&C Force HQs, SHAPE, Belgium
19. July 2016 – June 2017, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
20. June 2017 – June 2019, Director, Joint Interoperability Division and Training Center, Joint Staff/J-7, Fort Bragg, N.C.
21. June 2019 – July 2019, Commander, 505th Test and Evaluation Group, Nellis AFB, Nev.
22. August 2019 – present, Commander, 505th Combat Training Group, Nellis AFB, Nev.

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 May 5, 1996

First Lieutenant May 29, 1998

Captain May 29, 2000

Major June 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 2011

Colonel Oct. 31, 2017

(Current as of March 2020)