



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOSEPH L. SHEFFIELD

Colonel Joseph L. Sheffield is Commander of the 36th Operations Group, 36th Wing, Anderson Air Force Base, Guam. The Group is comprised of two permanent units and multiple F-15, F-16, F-22, B-1B, B-2A, and B-52H expeditionary squadrons executing Pacific Command's Theater Security Package, Continuous Bomber Presence, and peacetime and combat operations in the Indo Pacific Region. The Group executes a 24 hour, 7 days a week operation at the most forward sovereign U.S. Air Force Base in the Indo Pacific and provides the deployment, employment, and integration of air and space forces in support of U.S. and allied interests.



Colonel Sheffield received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy. He has served in a variety of operational assignments including B-1 Instructor Pilot, Evaluator Pilot, Weapons Officer, 34th Bomb Squadron Director of Operations, 37th Bomb Squadron Commander, and 28th Operations Group Deputy Commander. He commanded the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron on two deployments to Southwest Asia. His staff assignments include Chief of Future Operations and Executive Officer at 17th Air Force/Air Forces Africa. Prior to his current assignment, he served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Operations Directorate as the Global Force Management Rotational Branch Chief and Division Chief of the National Military Command System Operations.

Colonel Sheffield is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy. He is a Command Pilot with more than 3,500 flight hours and 1,100 combat hours.

Colonel Sheffield is married to the former Sarah Doxey. They have six children.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2004 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
2008 Masters in Business Administration, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
2009 Masters in Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2010 Masters in Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL (correspondence)
2017 Masters in National Security and Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School, Washington DC

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Oct 1997 - Dec 1998, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX
2. Jan 1999 - Sep 1999, Student, B-1 Initial Qualification, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, TX
3. Oct 1999 - Dec 2003, Instructor Pilot, Evaluator Pilot, Flight Commander 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, TX
4. Jan 2004 - Jun 2004, Student, USAF Weapons Instructor Course, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, TX
5. Jul 2004 - Jun 2008, Squadron & Wing Weapons Officer, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD

6. Jul 2008 - Jul 2009, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. Jul 2009 - Jul 2010, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
8. Jul 2010 - Jul 2012, Chief of Future Operations & Executive Officer, 17th AF, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. Aug 2012 - Mar 2014, Director of Operations, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, SD
10. Apr 2014 - Mar 2016, Commander, 37th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, SD
11. Mar 2016 - Aug 2016, Deputy Commander, 28th Operations Group, Ellsworth AFB, SD
12. Aug 2016 - Jun 2017, Student, National Defense University, Ft McNair, Washington DC
13. Jun 2017 - Jun 2018, Branch Chief, Global Force Management, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon
14. Jun 2018 - Jun 2019, Division Chief, National Military Command System Ops, Joint Chiefs, Pentagon
15. Jul 2019 - Present, Commander, 36th Operations Group, Anderson AFB, Guam

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal with star
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with star
Iraqi Campaign Medal with star
Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air & Space Campaign Medal

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight hours: 3,500
Combat hours: 1,100
Aircraft: B-1B, B-52, T-38, T-1, and T-37

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 28, 1997
First Lieutenant	May 28, 1999
Captain	May 28, 2001
Major	Dec 1, 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	Mar 1, 2012
Colonel	Aug 1, 2018

(Current as of July 2019)