



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL LARRY H. SHAW

Colonel Larry H. Shaw is commander of the 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Indiana. He commands the largest KC-135R Stratotanker unit in the Air Force Reserve Command. The 434th ARW is manned by nearly 1,900 military, civilian and contractor personnel and equipped with two flying squadrons operating 16 aircraft. The 434th ARW also has a unique role supporting both the Single Integrated Operational Plan and conventional tanker missions.

Colonel Shaw earned his commission in 1988 from Reserve Officer Training Course at the University of Nebraska. He then attended Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB, California. After completing KC-135 Combat Crew Training School at Castle AFB, California, he began his first operational assignment as a KC-135 crewmember in the 920<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron at Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan. In 1992 he transferred to the 97<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Montana as a KC-135R Instructor/Evaluator Navigator. To prepare AMC for the future, in 1994 he helped develop the three person cockpit program, preparing flight crews for a modified KC-135 flight deck without a navigator. In 1995 he re-established the tanker task force for Operation Provide Comfort at Incirlik AB, Turkey. He completed his tour at Malmstrom as the Chief of Training Flight.



In 1996, he left active duty and joined the 72<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron at Grissom as a traditional reservist. He attended pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas in 1997. After completing Combat Crew Training at Altus AFB, Oklahoma he returned to Grissom and served as the assistant chief pilot, chief of tactics, chief of mission development, and operations officer. He finished his tour at Grissom as the 434<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron commander. In 2013 he took command of 927<sup>th</sup> ARW Operations Group at MacDill AFB, Florida. In 2015 he became Deputy Director of Air, Space, and Information Operations at Robins AFB, Georgia. He is a command pilot with more than 5,700 flying hours and has deployed in support of Operations Joint Endeavor, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, among others.

Colonel Shaw is married to his high school sweetheart Kris; together they have two children, a son-in-law, a granddaughter, and another on the way!

#### EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska

1996 Squadron Officer School, correspondence

1993 Air Command and Staff College, correspondence

2012 Air War College, correspondence

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. December 1988 – Oct 1989, student, specialized undergraduate navigator training, Mather AFB, California.
2. February 1990 – May 1990, student, KC-135 combat crew training, Castle AFB, California.
3. May 1990 – October 1992, navigator/instructor navigator, 920<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan.
4. October 1992 – May 1994, instructor/evaluator navigator, 97<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana.
5. May 1994 – March 1996, chief of training flight, 91<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana.
6. March 1996 – August 1996, instructor/evaluator navigator, 72<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Grissom ARB, Indiana.
7. August 1996 – October 1997, assistant chief navigator, 74<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Grissom ARB, Indiana.
8. October 1997 – October 1998, specialized undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
9. November 1998 – February 1999, KC-135 combat crew training, Altus AFB, Oklahoma.
10. February 1999 – March 2004, assistant chief pilot, co-pilot/aircraft commander, Grissom ARB, Indiana.
11. March 2004 – December 2007, chief tactics, instructor pilot, 74<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Grissom ARB, Indiana.
12. December 2007 – October 2009, chief of mission development, 434<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron Grissom ARB, Indiana.
13. October 2009 – June 2011, operations officer, 74<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Grissom ARB, Indiana.
14. June 2011 – June 2013, commander, 434<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Grissom ARB, Indiana.
15. June 2013 – Mar 2015, commander, 927 Operations Group, MacDill AFB, Florida.
16. Mar 2015 – June 2016, Deputy Director of Air, Space and Information Operations (Mobility) Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Georgia
17. July 2016 – present, commander, 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Grissom ARB, Indiana.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight Hours: over 5,700

Aircraft flown: KC-135

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with two oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant August 22, 1988

First Lieutenant August 22, 1990

Captain August 22, 1992

Major October 1, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel Oct 1, 2007

Colonel July 16, 2013