



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL CHRISTOPHER M. SHEFFIELD

Colonel Christopher M. Sheffield is Vice Commander, Space Launch Delta 30, Vandenberg Space Force Base, California. His portfolio includes all base services, housing, personnel, logistics, emergency services, transportation, morale and recreation services, civil engineering, contracting, and security. In this role, he supports more than 1,500 personnel operating the third largest installation in the Department of the Air Force with over 99,000 acres, 4,100 quarters and buildings committed to 26 Space Launch Delta organizations, and 45 contractors employing over 10,000 people.

Colonel Sheffield received his commission through the United States Air Force Academy in June 1999. He has served in a variety of positions within the Security Forces career field, including experience in Nuclear Security, Antiterrorism, Operational Planning, and Technical Training. He is a three time Squadron Commander and a former Deputy Group Commander. His deployment experience includes deployments in support of Operations IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Sheffield served as Chief, Integrated Defense Policy Division, Directorate of Security Forces, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.



### EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science, Foreign Area Studies (Latin America), USAF Academy, Colo.
- 2000 USAF Security Forces Basic Officer Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2001 United States Army, Sabalauski Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Ky.
- 2003 Air Education and Training Command Basic Instructor Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2004 USAF Ground Defense Command Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2004 USAF Antiterrorism/Force Protection Level 2, Indian Springs Auxiliary Airfield, Nev.
- 2006 USAF Security Forces Advanced Officer Course, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 2006 USAF Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Master of Science, International Relations, Troy University, Ala.
- 2009 USAF Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2012 United States Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2012 United States Army Defense Support of Civil Authorities, Level 1 and 2, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2014 United States Army Corps of Engineers Security Engineering Course, Caserma Ederle, Italy
- 2015 United States Army Antiterrorism Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
- 2017 National Incident Management System 300/400 Courses, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
- 2017 USAF Emergency Operations Center Director Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2019 Air Force Fellow, Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1999 - September 2001, Security Forces Flight Commander, 321st Missile Squadron, F. E. Warren Air Force Base (AFB), Wyo.
2. September 2001 - September 2002, Flight Commander, 8th Security Forces Squadron, Kunsan Air Base (AB), Republic of Korea (ROK)  
(October 2001 – December 2001, Chief, Security Forces, 3d Air Expeditionary Group, Kwangju AB, ROK)
3. September 2002 - July 2004, Operations Officer, Detachment 1, 343d Training Squadron, Camp Bullis, Texas
4. July 2004 - March 2005, Course Chief, Security Forces Apprentice Course, 343d Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
5. March 2005 - March 2006, Chief, Security Forces and Antiterrorism Officer, 478th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, Forward Operating Location Manta, Ecuador
6. March 2006 - August 2009, Operations Officer, 75th Security Forces Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah  
(May 2007 – November 2007, Deputy Provost Marshal, Detachment 1, 732d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, COB Speicher, Iraq & Operations Officer, 732d Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Balad AB, Iraq)
7. August 2009 - June 2011, Commander, 1st Special Operations Security Forces Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.  
(August 2010 – February 2011, Joint Provost Marshal, CJTF-101, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan)
8. June 2011 - June 2012, Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kan.
9. June 2012 - September 2014, Commander, 20th Security Forces Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
10. September 2014 - June 2017, Chief, Protection Operations and Plans Branch, Protection Division, Operations Directorate, United States Africa Command, Kelley Barracks, Germany
11. June 2017 - June 2018, Commander, 39th Security Forces Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey
12. June 2018 - June 2019, Air Force Fellow, Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.
13. June 2019 - August 2020, Deputy Commander, 91st Security Forces Group, Minot AFB, N.D.
14. August 2020 - July 2021, Chief, Integrated Defense Policy Division, Directorate of Security Forces, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
15. July 2021 - Present, Vice Commander, Space Launch Delta 30, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif.

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. September 2014 - June 2017, Chief, Protection Operations and Plans Branch, Protection Division, Operations Directorate, United States Africa Command, Kelley Barracks, Germany as a lieutenant colonel.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Army Commendation Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

## **OCCUPATIONAL BADGES**

Air Assault Badge  
Basic Parachutist Badge  
Master Force Protection Badge

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1999  
First Lieutenant June 2, 2001  
Captain June 2, 2003  
Major January 1, 2009  
Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2014  
Colonel July 1, 2020

(CURRENT AS OF JULY 2021)