



# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COLONEL CHANDLER P. ATWOOD

Col. Chandler P. Atwood is the commander of the Space Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Delta (Delta 7), Peterson-Schriever Garrison, Colorado. He leads a global enterprise of Space professionals and Airmen in the newly activated Space ISR Delta. Space Delta 7 is focused on providing intelligence data to allow for the detection, characterization, and targeting of adversary space capabilities while delivering decision-quality, space-centric ISR to joint war-fighters and interagency partners to execute the U.S. National Defense Strategy.

Col. Atwood entered the Air Force in May 2001, after graduating summa cum laude from The Citadel. A career intelligence officer, he supported fighter aircraft operations and served as an instructor at the USAF Weapons School. He served as squadron director of Operations for National Geospatial Intelligence, Measurement and Signatures Intelligence and as squadron commander of National Signals Intelligence and Overhead Persistent Infrared Activities for Space Operations. Col. Atwood has deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.



Prior to assuming his current position, Col. Atwood was the Chief of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Requirements and Capabilities Division, U.S. Special Operations Command Directorate of Intelligence. He oversaw requirements validation and resourcing actions in coordination with the Joint Staff and interagency to provide heel-to-toe ISR capabilities to U.S. Special Operations Command components and deployed forces. He led the development of the command's ISR Roadmap, the command's strategy for investment across the Future Years Defense Program to develop new ISR capabilities to enable special operations forces core activities across all domains.

### EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
- 2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2005 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Master of Arts, Strategic Intelligence, American Military University
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Department of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 National Defense Fellowship, The Washington Institute, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2018 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. October 2001 – May 2002, Student, Intelligence Applications Officer Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, TX
2. June 2002 – June 2003, Deputy Chief, Intelligence Operations, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
3. June 2003 – June 2005, Chief, Squadron Intelligence, 55th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
4. June 2005 – December 2005, Student, Intelligence Instructor Course, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
5. December 2006 – November 2007, Chief, Intelligence Operations, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan
6. December 2007 – August 2008, Intelligence Flight Commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan
7. August 2008 – August 2009, USAF Weapons School Instructor Flight Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. August 2009 – May 2011, Director of Staff and USAF Weapons School Instructor, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. May 2011 – September 2011, Secretary of Air Force's ISR Review Committee, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Directorate of Intelligence, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. September 2011 – July 2013, Director of Operations, Geospatial Intelligence and Measurement and Signatures Intelligence Production Squadron, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
11. July 2013 – May 2014, National Defense Fellowship, The Washington Institute, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2014 – July 2015, Chief, Headquarters Air Force Directorate of Intelligence Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. July 2015 – July 2017, Commander, 566th Intelligence Squadron, Buckley AFB, Colo.
14. July 2017 – June 2018, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2018 – May 2020, Chief, Intelligence Capabilities and Requirements Division, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

July 2018 – May 2020, Chief, Intelligence Capabilities and Requirements Division, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a colonel

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Meritorious Unit Award  
AF Outstanding Unit Award with valor device  
AF Organizational Excellence Award  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Air and Space Campaign Medal  
Remote Combat Effects Campaign Medal  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

"Every Second Counts," USAF Weapons School, Weapons Review, Winter 2009

"Linking Targets to Political Objectives in Syria," The Washington Institute, August 30, 2013

"Syrian Air-Defense Capabilities and the Threat to Potential U.S. Air Operations," The Washington Institute, May 23, 2014

"Between Not-In and All-In: U.S. Military Options in Syria," The Washington Institute, May 2014

"Activity-Based Intelligence: Revolutionizing Military Intelligence Analysis," Joint Forces Quarterly, 2nd Quarter 2015

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant, May 4, 2001

First Lieutenant, May 4, 2003

Captain, May 4, 2005

Major, June 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel, February 1, 2015

Colonel, June 1, 2018

(Current as of June 2020)