



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL D. SHANE RICHARDSON

Lieutenant Colonel D. Shane Richardson is the Commander at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), Detachment 025, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. As the commander he is responsible for a comprehensive college program focused on recruiting, training and preparing more than 175 officer candidates from Arizona State University and 11 cross-town universities. Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Richardson is a Professor of Aerospace Studies, where instructs Aerospace 401/403, National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation.



Lieutenant Colonel Richardson received his commission from Officer Training School in 2006 after spending 15 years enlisted in Security Forces. Lieutenant Colonel Richardson is a Distinguished Graduate from Officer Training School and Airman Leadership School. During his enlisted years, he was assigned to a variety of positions, including Law Enforcement Desk Sergeant and Flight Chief. His assignments included time in North Dakota, Turkey, United Kingdom, Nevada, and Japan. He has been deployed numerous times including Bosnia-Herzegovina, Saudi Arabia, and most recently Pakistan. As a 2d Lieutenant, he was assigned as an Acquisitions Officer at Los Angeles Air Force Base, California, where he served as a program manager, an executive officer, and a staff officer to the Space & Missile Systems Center Commander. Upon completion of his tour, he was assigned to the C-17 Combined Program Office, where he again performed duties as a program manager and executive officer. Lieutenant Colonel Richardson was then assigned to AFROTC as the Operations Officers and an Associate Professor of Aerospace Studies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He followed this assignment in the Pentagon as Chief of Nuclear Plans and Programs in the Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration Directorate. Prior to serving as the Commander, AFROTC Detachment 025, Lieutenant Colonel Richardson was the Director of Staff at AFROTC Detachment 805, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

EDUCATION

1996 Airman Leadership School, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
2002 Associate Degree, Criminal Justice, Community College of the Air Force, Nellis AFB, Nevada
2005 Bachelor of Science, Management Studies, University of Maryland, Kadena AFB, Japan
2006 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2006 Air Force Fundamentals of Acquisitions Management, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2015 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2017 Master of Business Administration with Distinction, Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas
2018 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2020 Master of Operational Science, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1992 – June 1993, Security Police Response Team Member, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota
2. June 1993 – June 1994, Security Police Patrolman, Pirincilik Air Base (AB), Turkey
3. June 1994 – June 1996, Security Police Patrolman, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
4. June 1996 – June 1997, Law Enforcement Desk Sergeant, Pirincilik AB, Turkey
5. June 1997 – December 2002, Security Controller, Nellis AFB, Nevada
6. December 2002 – January 2006, Security Forces Flight Chief, Kadena AFB, Japan
7. January 2006 – April 2006, Trainee, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
8. April 2006 – April 2007, Executive Officer, Program Management & Integration Directorate, Los Angeles AFB, California
9. April 2007 – April 2009, Staff Officer, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, California
10. April 2009 – April 2010, Program Manager, Global Positioning Systems Wing, Los Angeles AFB, California
11. April 2010 – November 2011, Strategic Analyst, Plans & Programs Directorate, Los Angeles AFB, California
12. November 2011 – January 2013, Program Manager, C-17 Combined Program Office, Robins AFB, Georgia
13. January 2013 – July 2014, Executive Officer, C-17 Program Office, Robins AFB, Georgia
14. July 2014 - April 2016, Education Flight Commander, AFROTC Det 028, Prescott, Arizona
15. April 2016 – July 2018, Operations Officer, AFROTC Detachment 028, Prescott, Arizona
16. July 2018 – January 2019, Chief, Nuclear Plans & Programs, Pentagon, District of Columbia
17. February 2019 – June 2019, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence & Nuclear Integration, Pentagon, District of Columbia
18. July 2019 – June 2020, Student, Army Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
19. June 2020 – May 2021, Assistant Operations Officer, AFROTC Detachment 805, College Station, Texas
20. June 2021 – March 2022, Director of Staff, AFROTC Detachment 805, College Station, Texas
21. April 2022 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 025, Tempe, Arizona

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 6, 2006
First Lieutenant April 6, 2008
Captain April 6, 2010
Major April 1, 2016
Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 2021

(Current as of April 2022)