



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL FRANK “DA TANK” SHIFFLETT

Col Frank Shifflett is the Commander of Air University’s Ira C. Eaker Center for Leadership at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The Eaker Center provides leadership education, functionally-aligned technical training, professional continuing education, and civilian undergraduate education to Department of the Air Force and other Department of Defense personnel. The Center is comprised of six primary schools: Commanders’ Professional Development School; Force Support Professional Development School; Air Force Chaplain Corps College; Civilian Leadership Development School; Air Force First Sergeant Academy; and the Defense Financial Management and Comptroller School. Each year, the Center educates more than 30,000 students in the classroom and via distance learning.

Col Shifflett grew up in Spanaway, Washington. He was commissioned in 1998 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force Officer Training School after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. He also completed the Air Force Maintenance Officers Course as a Distinguished Graduate. Colonel Shifflett deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and a 1-year tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Resolute Support. Colonel Shifflett twice commanded maintenance squadrons, served as a Materiel Leader, and as a Senior Materiel Leader.



EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, Excelsior College, NY
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2007 Master of Science Degree in Aviation Admin & Logistics, SE Oklahoma State University, OK
- 2008 Air Command & Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2009 Command & General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS
- 2014 Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2022 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, VA

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. May 87 – Sep 98 – USAF enlisted; numerous duties; Minot AFB, ND
2. Sep 98 – Oct 99 – Budget Officer, Aeronautical Sys Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
3. Nov 99 – Oct 00 – Exec Officer, Propulsion Dev Systems Office; Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
4. Oct 00 – Jun 01 – OIC, Fighter Eng Fld Supt, Prop Dev Sys Office; Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
5. Jun 01 – Dec 02 – Sortie Gen Flt Commander, 92d Acft Generation Sqdn; Fairchild AFB, WA
6. Feb 03 – Apr 04 – Maintenance Flt Commander, 92d Maintenance Sqdn; Fairchild AFB, WA
7. Apr 04 – Jun 04 – Maintenance Ops Officer, 92d Maintenance Squadron; Fairchild AFB, WA
8. Jun 04 – Oct 05 – -135 Prog Depot Maintenance Prod Flt Chief, OC-ALC, Tinker AFB, OK
9. Oct 05 – Jan 07 – -135 Global Air Traffic Mgt Program Manager, OC-ALC, Tinker AFB, OK

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY (CONT)

- 10. Jan 07 – Jul 07 – -135 Airframe Mod Flt Chief, OC-ALC, Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, OK
- 11. Aug 07 – Jun 09 – Director of Ops, 540th Acft Sust Sqdn (B-52), OC-ALC, Tinker AFB, OK
- 12. Jun 09 – Jun 10 – Student, Command & General Staff College; Ft. Leavenworth, KS
- 13. Jun 10 – Apr 11 – Commander, 55th Maintenance Operations Squadron; Offutt AFB, NE
- 14. Apr 11 – Jul 13 – Commander, 55th Maintenance Squadron; Offutt AFB, NE
- 15. Jul 13 – Mar 14 – Program Element Monitor, Legacy Tankers; SecAF, Pentagon, VA
- 16. Mar 14 – Oct 16 – Deputy Division Chief, Mobility Division; SecAF, Pentagon, VA
- 17. Oct 16 – Jun 19 – Materiel Leader, F-35 Sustainment, Joint Strike Fighter, Crystal City, VA
- 18. Jul 19 – Jun 20 – Mil Dep Director, Fighters and Bombers Directorate, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 19. Jul 20 – Aug 23 – Commander, Defense Contract Mgt Agency – San Antonio, San Antonio TX
- 20. Aug 23 – Present – Commander, Eaker Center for Leadership Development

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. Jul 20 – Aug 23 – Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency, San Antonio, TX as a Colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Air and Space Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
- Air and Space Achievement Medal
- Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Program Management, Level III, Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP)
- Test and Evaluation, Level I, APDP
- Life Cycle Logistics, Level I, APDP
- Financial Management, Level I, APDP
- Manufacturing, Production, and Quality Assurance, Level I, APDP

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Second Lieutenant Jun 12, 1998
- First Lieutenant Jun 12, 2000
- Captain Jun 12, 2002
- Major Mar 1, 2008
- Lieutenant Colonel Jul 1, 2013
- Colonel Aug 1, 2019

(CURRENT AS OF JAN 24)