



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COL ROBERT H. KELLY

Colonel Kelly is the Chief of the Cyberspace Environment Division, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Force Development Directorate. He is responsible for providing a globally distributed, closed-loop, live-fire cyber training complex in support of joint training, combatant command and service level exercise support, cyber mission force training and certification, mission rehearsals, and test and evaluation support. Colonel Kelly is a career Cyberspace Operations Officer, serving in a variety of positions at the squadron, group, wing, major command, and joint level. He has served as a Squadron Commander twice and as a Deputy Mission Support Group Commander. Prior to assuming his current position, he attended Air War College in Residence at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.



Colonel Kelly received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1996, and holds a Master of Business in Computer Resources and Information Technology Management from Webster's University. Colonel Kelly and his wife, Brooke, three children, Madison, Grant, and Kaitlyn.

EDUCATION:

- 1996 Bachelor of Science Degree in Legal Studies, United States Air Force Academy
- 1997 Basic Communications Officer Training, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi
- 2002 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2003 Master of Business Administration in Information Systems Management, Webster's University
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College (In-Residence)
- 2009 Master of Arts Military Arts and Sciences, Air University
- 2013 Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2017 Air War College (Residence)
- 2017 Master of Arts Strategic Military Studies, Air University

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1996 – November 1997, Communications and Information Officer, then Group Executive Officer, 3d Combat Communications Support Squadron, 3d Combat Communications Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma
2. November 1997 – July 1999, Base Level Systems Flight Commander, 31st Combat Communications Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma
3. July 1999 - July 2001, Chief, USAFE Command and Control Systems Implementation, USAFE Computer Systems Squadron, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany
4. July 2001 – July 2002, Mission Systems Flight Commander, 886th Communications Squadron, Sembach Annex, Germany
5. July 2002 – June 2004, Deputy Chief, Global Decision Support System, Directorate of Communications and Information, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
6. June 2004 – June 2005, Deputy Chief, Director's Action Group, Directorate of Communications and Information, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
7. June 2005 – July 2007, Communications-Information Assignments Officer, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
8. July 2007 – July 2008, Executive Officer to the Executive Director, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
9. July 2008 – June 2009, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
10. July 2009 – June 2011, Commander, 28th Communications Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota
11. July 2011 – June 2013, Chief, Global Network Control Center, Headquarters United States Special Operations Command J6, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida
12. July 2013 – July 2015, Commander, 96th Communications Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
13. July 2015 – July 2016, Deputy Commander, 96th Mission Support Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
14. July 2016 – July 2017, Student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
15. July 2017 – Present, Chief, Cyberspace Environment Division, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Force Development Directorate, Suffolk, Virginia

BADGES:

Senior Communications Badge

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1999 Communications and Information Professional of the Year (USAFE)
- 2001 Communications and Information Professional of the Year (86th Airlift Wing)
- 2004 Company Grade Officer of the Year (AMC/A6 Mobility Systems Division)
- 2010 Field Grade Officer of the Year (12th Air Force)

DEPLOYMENTS

- 1997 Communications Officer, OPERATION BRIGHT STAR, Cairo West Air Base, Egypt
- 1999 Mission Systems Flight Commander, OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, Riyadh Air Base, Saudi Arabia
- 2000 Chief C2 Systems, OPERATION JOINT FORGE and JOINT GUARDIAN, Balkans Combined Air Operations Center, Vicenza, Italy
- 2007 Wing Executive Officer, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

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| Second Lieutenant | May 29, 1996 |
| First Lieutenant | May 29, 1998 |
| Captain | May 29, 2000 |
| Major | May 1, 2006 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | July 1, 2011 |
| Colonel | September 1, 2017 |