



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL KEVIN R. CHILDS

Col Kevin Childs is the Commander, 26th Cyberspace Operations Group and the Director A5/8/9, 688th Cyberspace Wing. As a Group Commander, he leads 700 personnel in operations defending the \$14.2B Air Force Enterprise Network. As a Director, he oversees the Wing's requirements, weapon systems, budget, and innovation.

Col Childs enlisted in the Air Force in 1992 and commissioned in 2000 as a Distinguished Graduate from North Carolina State University's AFROTC program. He has held a broad range of electronic warfare, communications, space, Intelligence, and cyber duties. He commanded a Detachment and three Squadrons.

Col Childs was the military communications officer to the President of the United States Barack Obama and Senior Executive Officer to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces and Indo-Pacific Command's Joint Forces Air Component Commander. Prior to his current position, Col Childs was the Director, Cyberspace Forces at the Combined Air Operations Center, Air Forces Central, Southwest Asia.



EDUCATION

- 1996 Associate in Applied Electronics, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), AL
- 2000 Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, North Carolina State University, NC
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2005 Master of Arts, Information and Computer Resources Management, Webster University, MO
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, by correspondence
- 2018 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, by correspondence
- 2019 Air Force Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 2019 Advanced Computer Security Certificate, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 2020 National Security Seminar, Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2021 Joint Forces Staff College, Joint Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1992-June 1994, B-52H Electronic Warfare Technician, 668th Bomb Squadron, Griffiss AFB, NY
2. June 1994-June 1996, B-52H Electronic Warfare Technician, 23rd Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
3. June 1996-September 2000, Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program, Daytona Beach, FL (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University), and Raleigh, NC (North Carolina State University)
4. September 2000-September 2003, OIC, Deployable Communications; later, Flight Commander, Information Systems, 18th Communications Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan (deployed October 2001, U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand; later, November 2002-March 2003, Commander, 320th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Seeb Air Base, Sultanate of Oman)
5. September 2003-July 2006, MILSTAR Strategic Comms Planner, later, Chief, MILSTAR C2 Engineering, 4th Space Operations Squadron; later, Flight Commander, Global Positioning System Maintenance, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO

6. July 2006-August 2009, Chief, Air Force Network Operations Integration, HQ ACC/A6, Langley AFB, VA (deployed January 2008 – April 2008, Chief, Request for Forces, United States Central Command J3, Tampa, FL; later, January 2007-June 2007, Flight Commander, Warrior Bravo, Joint Base Balad, Iraq)
7. August 2009-June 2012, Presidential Communications Officer; later, Military Communications Officer to President Obama, White House Communications Agency, Joint Base Bolling Anacostia (JBBA), Washington, D.C.
8. June 2012-July 2014, Director of Operations, 561st Network Operations Squadron, Peterson AFB, CO; later Commander, Detachment 4, 561st Network Operations Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, MT
9. July 2014-July 2016, Commander, 56th Air Communications Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, HI
10. July 2016-June 2017, Executive Officer to the Commander Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, HI
11. June 2017-July 2018, Commander, 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
12. July 2018-August 2019, National Security Affairs Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
13. August 2019-July 2021, Division Chief, Joint Special Operations Command, Ft Bragg, NC
14. July 2021-July 2022, Director, Cyberspace Forces, Air Forces Central, Southwest Asia
15. July 2022-Present, Commander, 26th Cyberspace Operations Group & Director, A5/8/9, 688th Cyberspace Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2009 – June 2012, White House Communications Agency, JBAA, Washington D.C., as a Major
2. August 2019 – July 2021, Joint Special Operations Command, Ft Bragg, NC, as a Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel
3. July 2021 – July 2022, 609th Combined Air Operations Center, Southwest Asia, as a Colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2000

First Lieutenant May 31, 2002

Captain May 31, 2004

Major January 1, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2015

Colonel February 1, 2021