



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Robert H. Cole

Robert H. Cole is Executive Director, 24th Air Force, Air Force Space Command, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas. In this position, Mr. Cole serves as the cyber plans, programming and policy advisor to the Commander in his/her role as the Air Force Network Operations Commander, Commander Air Forces Cyber and Commander Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber (AFCYBER) to United States Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM). Mr. Cole provides expert and high-level leadership for operations, especially on issues requiring broad-based and multi-disciplinary understanding of cyberspace policy, doctrine and capabilities. He leads and facilitates program planning and operations that require intensive collaboration among internal and external cyber partners to include Department of Defense and other Federal Government agencies, foreign allies and elements of Counterintelligence and the Defense Industrial Base.



Mr. Cole is a native of Fort Worth, Texas and is married to former Kristan Jane Shipp. They have two daughters: Sierra, Haley.

EDUCATION:

- 1987 Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 1988 Initial Communications-Computer Officer Training, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
- 1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 1996 Master of Science Degree in Software Engineering, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 1997 Distinguished Graduate, Advanced Communications-Computer Officer Training, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2004 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2006 United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
- 2006 Master of Science Degree in Strategic Studies, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
- 2010 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of Virginia, Darden School of Business, Charlottesville, Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January – May 1988, Student, communications officer course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi

2. May 1988 – August 1992, Computer Design Engineer, Phillips Laboratory, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
3. August 1992 – August 1996, Lead Engineer, Computer Systems, Defense Plant Representative Office, Defense Logistics Agency, Air Force Plant #4
4. August 1996 – July 1999, Command and Control Flight Commander, 55th Computer Systems Squadron, Chief of Systems, 755th Communications Squadron, and Information Systems Flight Commander, 55th Communications Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
5. July 1999 – June 2000, Chief, Command & Control Communications Networks and Chief, Mission Systems Division, Directorate of Communications and Information, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida
6. June 2000 – July 2001, Executive Officer to Vice Commander, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida
7. July 2001 – May 2003, Commander, 35th Communications Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
8. May 2003 – July 2005, Multinational Information Sharing Action Officer, Joint Staff (J-6); later Executive Officer to the Vice Director, Joint Staff, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
9. July 2005 – June 2006, Student, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
10. June 2006 – July 2008, Commander, 1st Communications Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia
11. July 2008 – July 2009, Deputy Director, Communications, HQ USAFE, Ramstein AB, Germany
12. July 2009 – June 2010, Director of Communications, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas
13. June 2010 – June 2012, Commander, 49th Mission Support Group, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
14. June 2012 – October 2014, Chief, Cyber Operations, Plans and Exercises Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
15. October 2014 – October 2017, Director, Air Forces Cyber Forward, 24th Air Force with duty location at Fort Meade, Maryland
16. February 2018 – Present, Executive Director, 24th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit (w/2 OLC)
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (w/5 OLC)

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