



BIOGRAPHY



COLONEL MICHAEL L. COTE

Colonel Michael L. Cote is the Director of Communications for Headquarters Twenty-Fifth Air Force and the Commander of the 625th Air Communications Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Twenty-Fifth Air Force provides full-spectrum decision advantage to warfighters and national leaders through globally integrated intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, electronic attack, information operations and strategic command and control. As the Director, he is responsible for formulating, disseminating, and managing communications policy, procedures, regulations, resources, and architectures for command and control, communications, computers, and ISR operations across 5 wings, the Air Force Technical Applications Center and operating locations around the world. As the Commander, he is responsible for cyberspace planning, implementation, operations, security and maintenance for the AFJWICS enterprise, 25 Air Force HQ and AF intelligence community systems to enable worldwide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.



Colonel Cote enlisted in the Air Force in 1986 and received his commission in 1992 as a distinguished graduate of the University of New Hampshire Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. He has held a wide variety of positions at base, Major Command, Air Staff and Joint Staff levels. He also deployed to Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and twice to Iraq, including a 1-year command tour at Joint Base Balad.

EDUCATION:

- 1992 Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Franklin Pierce College (Magna Cum-Laude)
- 1997 Master of Science in Management, Troy State University
- 1997 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base
- 2003 Distinguished Graduate, Advanced Communication Officer Training
- 2004 Master of Science in Systems Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology
- 2004 Intermediate Developmental Education, Wright Patterson Air Force Base
- 2012 Master of Science in National Defense Strategy, National War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1992 – March 1993, student, Basic Communications Officer Tng, Keesler AFB, MS.
2. March 1993 – June 1995, Theater Software Design Analyst, later, Executive Officer to the Commander, 1912th Computer Systems Group, Langley AFB, VA.
3. June 1995 – March 1997, Deputy Commander, Mission Systems Flight, 1st Communications Squadron, Langley AFB, VA. (Commander, 4417th Communications Squadron, Operation Southern Watch, Azraq AB, Jordan).
4. March 1997 – June 1999, Flight Commander, 51st Combat Communication Squadron, Robins AFB, GA. (Commander, Base Level Systems Flight, 4404th Communications Squadron, Operation Southern Watch, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia).

5. June 1999 – September 2000, Commander, Network Squadron, Allied Signal Group, Joint Headquarters Southeastern Europe (NATO), Izmir, Turkey.
6. September 2000 – July 2003, Chief, Network Planning, Communications and Information Directorate, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany (Commander, Expeditionary Communications Squadron, TF-North, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Turkey).
7. July 2003 – September 2004, student, Intermediate Developmental Education, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, OH.
8. September 2004 – May 2005, Chief Architect, AF IT Infrastructure, DCS Warfighting Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
9. May 2005 – August 2006, Chief, Network Operations Strategy Branch, SAF Office of Warfighting Integration and CIO, Washington D.C. (Chief, C3 Communications Division, Joint Operations Center, MNC-I, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Baghdad, Iraq).
10. August 2006 – July 2008, Commander, 39th Communications Squadron, Incirlik AB, Turkey.
11. July 2008 – June 2010, Action Officer, later, Deputy Chief, Strategic Engagement Division, Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems Directorate (J6), the Joint Staff, Washington D.C.
12. June 2010 – July 2011, Commander, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Joint Base Balad, Iraq.
13. July 2011 – July 2012, student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
14. July 2012 – June 2013, Chief, Capabilities and Planning Division, Defense Information Systems Agency, Fort Meade, MD.
15. June 2013 – Jul 2015, Commander, 375th Communications Group, Scott AFB, IL.
16. August 2015 – June 2016, Director of Communications, 25th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX
17. June 2016 – present, 25th Air Force Director of Communications and 625th Air Communications Squadron Commander, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
 Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Combat Readiness Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 24, 1992
First Lieutenant	August 1, 1994
Captain	August 1, 1996
Major	February 1, 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	September 1, 2007
Colonel	August 1, 2013

(Current as of Jan 2017)