

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT N. LAWRENCE

Lt Col Robert Lawrence, retired effective 31 December 2019, served nearly 27 years in the United States Air Force as a Network Operations Officer, Communications Officer, and Command and Control Officer. His last assignment was Chief of the Assessments and Authorizations Section under the Defense Intelligence Agency Chief Information Officer. He led and managed 50+ military, civilian, and contractor personnel responsible for assessing over 1,300 secure networks, systems, applications, and cross domain solutions – utilized by DIA, DoD, the Intelligence Community, and partner organizations – valued over \$100 Million. He was also the Senior Ranking Officer for the DIA CIO Northeast Region and responsible for overseeing and supporting 125 military officers and enlisted.



Lt Col Lawrence's career highlights include being the lead operational planner for NATO SHAPE J6 during the Ukrainian Crisis and subsequent NATO Readiness Action Planning; developing the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node (BACN) and deploying BACN to Afghanistan; serving as a Flight Commander twice; and directing the Air Force Communications and Information Officer Schoolhouse where he was certified as a Master Instructor. He has been deployed to Afghanistan, Germany, Qatar, and was decorated for heroism for actions in response to the terrorist attack on the Khobar Towers while deployed to Saudi Arabia in June 1996.

Lt Col Lawrence was born and raised in Delaware, attended the University of Delaware, and received his commission through Air Force ROTC Detachment 128. He is married to Courtney (nee Roff) of Newark, Delaware, and has 3 children; Kaitlyn, 26, William, 23, and Elizabeth, 19.

### EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelors of Science in Geology, University of Delaware, DE
- 1995 Honor Graduate, Operations Management Officer Course, Keesler AFB, MS
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1999 Distinguished Graduate, Basic Communications & Information Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS
- 2001 Distinguished Graduate, Advanced Comm & Info Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2005 Masters in Telecomm Management, University of Maryland University College
- 2008 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2011 Joint & Combined Warfighting School (JPME Phase II), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2012 Scope Eagle Senior Leader Seminar, Keesler AFB, MS
- 2014 NATO Comm and Info Systems Operational Planning Course, NATO CIS School, Latina, Italy

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1993 - July 1994, Squadron Adjutant, 2d Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
2. July 1994 - January 1996, Section Commander, 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
3. January 1996 - July 1997, Command Post Duty Officer and Training Officer, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, DE
4. July 1997 - January 1999, Mission Systems Flight Commander, 436th Communications Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
5. January 1999 - January 2002, Systems Flight Commander, 4th Air Support Operations Squadron, Mannheim AIN, Germany
6. February 2002 - May 2003, Scope Eagle Director, 333d Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS
7. May 2003 - August 2005, Director, Air Force Communications and Information Officer Training, 333d Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS

8. September 2005 - December 2005, Chief of Global Interoperability, Air Force Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center (AFC2ISRC), Langley AFB, VA
9. January 2006 - May 2007, Chief of Wideband Communications, AFC2ISRC, Langley AFB, VA
10. May 2007 - September 2007, Chief, Objective Gateway Program, Global Cyberspace Integration Center, Langley AFB, VA
11. October 2007 - December 2009, Chief, Warfighter Networks Requirements Branch, Global Cyberspace Integration Center, Langley AFB, VA
12. December 2009 - January 2013, Military Assistant for Command and Control, Office of Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, and previously Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration/DoD Chief Information Officer, Pentagon, Washington DC
13. January 2013-January 2014, Director for J6 Communications, Special Operations Command Central Forward Headquarters, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
14. February 2014 - November 2017, Staff Officer (Communications and Information Systems Plans), NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), Mons, Belgium
15. November 2017 - Present, Chief of Assessments and Authorizations, Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington DC

#### DEPLOYMENTS

1. April 1996 - August 1996, Duty Officer, Air Mobility Control Center, 1621st Air Mobility Support Squadron (P), King Abdul Aziz Air Base, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
2. January 2006- May 2006, Chief of Projects, Combined/Joint Task Force-76 CJ6, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
3. October 2007 - January 2008, Network Operations and Security Center Watch Officer, Headquarters US European Command J6, Stuttgart AIN, Germany
4. January 2009 - June 2009, Mission Director, Battlefield Airborne Communications Node, 609th Air and Space Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
5. January 2013 - January 2014, Director for J6 Communications, Special Operations Command Central Forward Headquarters, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

#### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

NATO Meritorious Service Medal  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 Meritorious Service Medal  
 Joint Service Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with Valor device and four oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Service Achievement Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal  
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Meritorious Unit Award  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device and five oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

#### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Joint Qualified Officer (JQO)  
 AETC Master Instructor  
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with star device (Pistol & Rifle)  
 Basic Military Parachutist Badge

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	September 19, 1992
First Lieutenant	November 18, 1994
Captain	November 18, 1996
Major	May 1, 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2008