



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL LAURA J. RADLEY

Col. Radley is the commander of the 512th Mission Support Group, 512th Airlift Wing, an associate Air Force Reserve Command unit located at Dover Air Force Base, Del. She is the senior officer responsible for the 750-person organization, which supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5 and C-17 aircraft.

Colonel Radley was commissioned in the Air Force through the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1990. She began her career with Undergraduate Pilot Training and became a C-141B pilot. Her nine-year active-duty AF career included assignments such as the first female pilot for Special Operations Low Level II missions and a deployment in support of Operation Southern Watch. Colonel Radley transitioned into the AF Reserve as an Individual Ready Reservist in 1999, when she served as a commercial airline pilot. A year later, she began serving as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee for various missions ranging from a flight commander for AF Officer Training School to the deputy chief of 22nd Air Force Logistics Readiness, where she planned organized and directed numbered Air Force aerial port, transportation, supply, deployment and fuels functions for 32 subordinate units. She also served on Joint Task Force deployments to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Crystal City, Va., in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. She's a recent graduate of Air War College and as an Air Reserve Technician, she previously served as the deputy group commander for the 439th Mission Support Group, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.



#### EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1997 Squadron Officer School in residence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, AF Air University, Distance Learning Program, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Air War College, AF Air University, Distance Learning Program, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Master of Arts degree in military history, Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1990 – July 1991, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. August 1991 – October 1993, executive officer, 36th and 7th airlift squadrons, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.
3. October 1993 – May 1994, student, T-38 Requalification, C-141B, 87th Flying Training Squadron, 58th FTS, Laughlin AFB, Texas and Altus AFB, Okla.
4. May 1994 – November 1999, C141B strategic, tactical and special operations airlift pilot, scheduler, executive officer, training officer, 15th and 16th airlift squadrons, Charleston AFB, S.C. (January 1999 – April 1999, airlift coordination cell member, JTF Southwest Asia)
5. November 1999 – August 2000, Individual Ready Reserve, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
6. August 2000 – October 2007, flight commander, Officer Training School, and course director, 23rd Training Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
(November 2001 – October 2007, Crisis Action Team member, Installation Control Center)

facilitator, executive officer, Wing Plans officer for the C-17A - MPA, 437th AW, Charleston AFB, S.C.)

7. October 2007 – October 2008, Participating Individual Ready Reserve, 437th AW, Charleston, S.C.
8. October 2008 – March 2010, operations officer, 315th Logistics Readiness Flight, Charleston AFB, S.C. (October 2008 - May 2009, case research officer, Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention for Enemy Combatants, JTF Crystal City, Va., and Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba)
9. March 2010 – July 2010, operations officer, 38th Aerial Port Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
10. July 2010 – February 2012, deputy chief, Logistics Readiness, 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.
11. February 2012 – April 2012, fuel efficiency officer, Fuel Efficiency Office, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
12. April 2012 – January 2014, commander, acting commander, chief, Command Post, 53rd APS, 440th Mission Support Group, Pope Field, N.C. (April 2012 – January 2014, program manager on MPA, AMC A3F, Scott AFB, Ill.
13. January 2014 – June 2014, mission support group commander trainee, deputy group commander, 439th MSG, Westover ARB, Mass.
15. June 2014 - Present, student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight Hours: Over 2,300

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-141B

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak

National Defense Service Medal with star device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with device

Kosovo Campaign Medal with device

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

AF Longevity Service Ribbon

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 'M' device

Air Force Training Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      May 30, 1990

First Lieutenant        May 30, 1992

Captain                    May 30, 1994

Major                      Oct. 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel      Oct. 1, 2009

Colonel                    June 14, 2015

(Current as of July 2015)