



COLONEL AMANDA E. KNOTTS

Col Amanda E. Knotts is the Commander, 97th Mission Support Group, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. As the Group Commander, she leads over 1,200 military and civilian personnel across six squadrons, dedicated to installation and mission support activities, including; Security Forces, Crash and Fire Protection, Civil Engineering, Logistics Readiness, Force Support, Contracting, and Communications. Prior to her current position, she was the Chief, Strategic Initiatives Group, Directorate of Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4)/Cyber at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

Col Knotts hails from New Palestine, Indiana and commissioned in December 2002 from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. She completed cyberspace officer training in September 2003, and since then has served in various communications positions at the squadron, numbered air force, major command, direct reporting unit, Air Staff, and Joint Staff levels. Her duties included squadron commander, flight commander, executive officer, staff/action officer, and Presidential Communications Officer. Additionally, Col. Knotts deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in 2004 and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in 2013.



EDUCATION

- 2002 Bachelor of Science degree in Information Management Systems, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Ind.
- 2003 Air & Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2003 Basic Communications Officer School, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2008 Master of Business Administration, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.
- 2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2009 Air and Space Operations Center Communications Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2015 Cyberspace 300, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2019 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. December 2002 – December 2005, Officer-In-Charge, Personal Wireless Communications, then Mission Systems Flight Commander, and Plans and Implementation Flight Commander, 436th Communications Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Del. (August 2004 – January 2005, Deputy Mission Systems Flight Commander, 332d Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Balad Air Base, Iraq)
2. December 2005 – September 2009, Chief, Information Technology Management Special Access Programs, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
3. September 2009 – October 2010, Plans and Implementation Flight Commander, 607th Air and Space Communications Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
4. October 2010 – October 2012, Chief of Plans, then Executive Officer to the Vice Commander, 17th Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
5. October 2012 – October 2013, Deputy Chief, Strategic Programs, Directorate of Programs, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. (April 2013 – September 2013, Director, Manpower and Personnel, Operational Corps Headquarters North, Camp Marmal, Afghanistan)
6. October 2013 – July 2016, Presidential Communications Officer, then Chief, J3 Plans and Policy, White House Communications Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington D.C.
7. July 2016 – June 2018, Commander, 82d Communications Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
8. June 2018 – July 2020, Commander, 502d Communications Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
9. July 2020 – July 2022, Deputy Commander, 690th Cyberspace Operations Group, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
10. August 2022 – July 2024, Branch Chief, Integration Branch, then Chief, Strategic Initiatives Group, Directorate of Command, Control, Communications and Computer (C4)/Cyber, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. July 2024 – Present, Commander, 97th Mission Support Group, Altus AFB, Okla.





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one campaign star
Iraq Campaign Medal with one campaign star
Korean Defense Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec. 20, 2002
First Lieutenant Dec. 20, 2004
Captain Dec. 20, 2006
Major Nov. 1, 2012
Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 2015
Colonel Dec 1, 2023

(Current as of July 2024)

