



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL SHANNON W. CAUDILL

Colonel Shannon W. Caudill is Director of Support, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He is responsible for a \$154 million budget, 42 facilities valued at over \$200 million, educational and operational information technology, and human resources supporting over 132,000 personnel in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Air Force Officer Training School, and Headquarters U.S. Air Force-Civil Air Patrol.

Prior to his current assignment, he was commander of the 532nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base Balad, Iraq, where he was responsible for counterinsurgency patrols and the installation's entry control points. As a career Air Force security forces officer, he has worked at the unit, major command, and Joint Staff levels; commanded three security forces squadrons; served in four overseas assignments; and accumulated 18 months of combat experience in Iraq. Colonel Caudill has written numerous articles on terrorism, interagency leadership, base defense, and law enforcement, which have been published in *Air and Space Power Journal*, *Joint Force Quarterly*, *American Diplomacy*, and *The Guardian*—the Joint Staff's antiterrorism publication. His co-authored book *Defending Air Bases in an Age of Insurgency* was published by Air University Press in May 2014. Colonel Caudill has 16 years of college-level teaching experience, which includes service on the faculty of Air War College and Air Command and Staff College.



EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor's degree in communications, Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2000 Air Force Institute of Technology, Police Administration, Eastern Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky.
- 2003 Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mich.
- 2005 Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
- 2005 Master of Military Studies, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va.
- 2006 Air War College (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2008 Joint Forces Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va. (JFSC Transformation Writing Award)
- 2013 Air War College, Grand Strategy Program, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War Colleges, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1991 - May 1995, nuclear convoy commander, officer-in-charge, mobile fire teams and security escort teams, flight commander, missile security flight, 321st Missile Security Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
2. May 1995 - May 1998, operations and support flight commander, 339th Recruiting Squadron, Clinton Township, Mich.
3. May 1998 - June 1999, commander, security forces flight, 12th Space Warning Squadron, Thule Air Base, Greenland

4. June 1999 - June 2001, commander, 85th Security Forces Squadron, Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland
5. June 2001 - July 2004, major command action officer, weapon systems security branch, and action officer, antiterrorism and force protection branch, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
6. July 2004 - June 2005, student, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.
7. July 2005 – May 2007, commander, 100th Security Forces Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
8. May 2007 – August 2009, J-34 executive assistant and action officer, antiterrorism interagency coordination, Directorate of Operations (J-3), Joint Staff, Pentagon, Va.
9. August 2009 – July 2010, commander, 532rd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base Balad, Iraq
10. August 2010 – June 2012, deputy chairman, Department of Leadership and Strategy, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2012 – May 2013, student, Air War College, Grand Strategy Program, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. June 2013 – November 2013, instructor, Department of Strategy, and Adjunct, Research Electives, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. November 2013 – present, Director of Support, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

MAJOR DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Combat Action Medal

OTHER RECOGNITION

Department of Defense - Best Antiterrorism Program - Installation Level 2000
 Joint Staff's "Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award Nominee" 2007
 U.S. European Command - Best Antiterrorism Program - Operational Unit Level 2006
 U.S. Air Forces in Europe - Best Antiterrorism Programs - Operational Unit Level and Innovation 2005
 U.S. Air Forces in Europe - Best Large Security Forces Squadron for 2007
 Air Combat Command - Best Small Security Forces Squadron for 2000 and 2001
 Air University's "Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award Nominee" 2011
 Air Command and Staff College's "Military Educator of the Year" 2012

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 17, 1991
First Lieutenant	July 21, 1993
Captain	July 21, 1995
Major	June 1, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2007
Colonel	Feb. 1, 2013

(Current as of August 2015)