



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL BRIAN D. SHERRY

Col Brian D. Sherry is the Vice Commander, 603d Air Operations Center, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. In this capacity, he advises the commander while leading a joint force of over 600 Airmen, Guardians, Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines executing command and control of air, information, and space operations throughout the European and African theaters. The 603d Air Operations Center forms the core of a \$1.9 billion Weapon System for United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa allowing the Joint Forces Air Component Commander, Regional Air Defense Commander, and Operations leadership to secure national objectives and achieve air/space/cyber/info superiority.

Col Sherry received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1999 and attended Euro-NATO Joint Jet pilot training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Following F-16 qualification training at Luke AFB, Arizona, his first assignments brought him to Pacific Air Forces, United States Air Forces in Europe, and Air Combat Command. He transitioned to the Vermont Air National Guard in 2011, is a command pilot with more than 3,300 hours in F-16 and F-35 fighter aircraft, and a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School.



During his career, Col Sherry has served as a commander, strategic planner, operational test pilot, instructor pilot, flight examiner, functional check, and Forward Air Controller (Airborne). He has over 660 combat hours and operational experience in multiple theatres including Southwest Asia, the Pacific, Eastern Europe, and the continental United States during Operations NOBLE EAGLE, CONSTANT EFFORT, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE. In his civilian career, Col Sherry is a pilot with a major airline. Prior to assuming his current position, Col Sherry was the Wing Plans Officer, 158th Fighter Wing, South Burlington, Vermont.

#### EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, Legal Studies (Philosophy minor), U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2007 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
2012 Master of Science, Aeronautics, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
2013 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2014 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
2016 Commander's Development Course, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md.  
2017 Leadership and Strategic Impact Course, Tuck Business School, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.  
2021 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. September 1999 – July 2001, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. July 2001 - October 2001, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, 49th Training Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
3. October 2001 – July 2002, Student, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, 63d Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. July 2002 – June 2005, Flight Commander/Chief of Readiness, 18 FS, Eielson AFB, Alaska (March 2003 – May 2003, Assistant Weapons Officer, 18th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Anderson AFB, Guam)
5. June 2005 – January 2007, Chief of Stan-Eval/Flight Commander, 23 FS, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany (November – December 2005, Operations Officer, 23 EFS, Šiauliai AB, Lithuania) (May 2006 – September 2006, Flight Commander, 23 EFS, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
6. January 2007 - June 2007, Student, 16th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. June 2007 – September 2008, Weapons Officer, 23 FS, Spangdahlem AB, Germany (January 2008 – June 2008, Weapons Officer, 23 EFS, Joint Base Balad, Iraq)
8. September 2008 – January 2011, F-16 Division Commander, 422d Test & Evaluation Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev. (April 2010 – November 2010, Air Operations Planner, Combined Joint Task Force 82/101, JB Bagram, Afghanistan)
9. January 2011 - February 2012, Flight Commander, 134 FS, South Burlington, Vt.
10. February 2012 - January 2016, Deputy Director, F-16 Combined Test Force, Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Command Test Center, Tucson, Ariz.
11. January 2016 - April 2019, Commander, 134 FS, South Burlington, Vt. (December 2016 – March 2017, Commander, 134 EFS, Ahmad Al-Jaber AB, Kuwait)
12. April 2019 – April 2020, Wing Plans Officer, 158th Fighter Wing, South Burlington, Vt.
13. April 2020 – July 2020, Student, F-35A Transition Course, 63 FS, Luke AFB, Ariz.
14. July 2020 – June 2022, Wing Plans Officer, 158 FW, South Burlington, Vt.
15. June 2022 – Present, Vice Commander, 603d Air Operations Center, Ramstein AB, Germany

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,300, including 660 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, A/T-38B, F-16C/D, F-35A

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2003 Top Tier Graduate, Squadron Officer School

2012 Distinguished Graduate, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant June 1999

First Lieutenant June 2001

Captain June 2003

Major Dec 2008

Lieutenant Colonel Feb 2013

Colonel June 2022

**(Current as of July 2022)**