



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL WILLIAM L. MARSHALL

Col. William L. Marshall is the Vice Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Third Air Force exercises delegated authorities over assigned forces that include personnel management, General Courts Martial Convening Authority, and advising subordinate commands on requirements, programs, and budget. Third Air Force also works with its subordinate commands to ensure implementation and compliance with relevant policies and directives of the Department of Defense, Headquarters Air Force, and USAFE-AFAFRICA.

Prior to assuming his current position, Col. Marshall was the Commander of the 48th Fighter Wing. In this role, he was responsible for nearly 5,000 active duty personnel, 2,000 British and U.S. civilians, and the employment of F-15E Strike Eagle and F-15C Eagle fighter aircraft.

Col. Marshall entered the Air Force in 1997 after commissioning from ROTC at Virginia Tech. He then entered Navigator training and became an F-15E Weapon System Officer. Col. Marshall has commanded at the wing, group, and squadron level while also serving at the Air Warfare Center, AFCENT, Air Staff, and OSD staff levels.

Col. Marshall has flown in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve. He has over 650 hours of combat in the F-15E.



EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Virginia Tech, Va.

2003 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 Master of Business Administration, American Military University

2009 Master of Science, National Defense Policy and Decision Making, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.

2015 Master of Science, National Security Studies, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997–July 1997, Special Assistant to the Commander, AFROTC DET 875, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.
2. July 1997–June 1999, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Pensacola NAS, Fla.
3. June 1999–June 2000, Student Weapons System Officer, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
4. June 2000–June 2001, Strike Officer, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
5. June 2001–April 2002, Weapons Officer, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
6. April 2002–July 2003, Chief of Strike, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
7. July 2003–December 2003, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. January 2004–May 2005, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

9. May 2005–November 2005, Flight Commander, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
10. November 2005–November 2006, Air to Ground Flight Commander, 17th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. November 2006–August 2007, Subject Matter Expert, F-15E, 561st Joint Tactics Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. August 2007–May 2008, Assistant Director of Operations, 17th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
13. May 2008–August 2008, Director of Operations, 17th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
14. August 2008–December 2009, Student, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
15. January 2010–August 2010, Weapons and Disclosure Branch Chief, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. August 2010–August 2011, Country Director, Saudi Arabia, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. August 2011–March 2012, Executive Officer to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. March 2012–December 2012, Director of Operations, 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
19. December 2012–June 2014, Commander, 428th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
20. June 2014–June 2015, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
21. June 2015–June 2017, Senior Military Advisor for Air Warfare Systems, OSD DOT&E, Washington D.C
22. June 2017–June 2018, Commander, 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group, Southwest Asia
23. July 2018–July 2020, Commander, 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, England
24. July 2020–present, Vice Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2015–June 2017, Senior Military Advisor for Air Warfare Systems, OSD DOT&E, as a lieutenant colonel and colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: master navigator

Flight hours: More than 2,700

Aircraft flown: T-34, T-39, T-1, T-38, F-15E, F-15SG

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 25, 1997

First Lieutenant May 28, 1999

Captain May 28, 2001

Major Nov. 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Dec.1, 2010

Colonel May 1, 2016

(Current as of July 2020)