



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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### Col. Shawna E. O'Brien

Col. Shawna E. O'Brien is the director, Manpower and Personnel, United States Transportation Command responsible for military and civilian manpower and personnel plans, policies, programs, organization and management. Col. O'Brien advises the commander, USTRANSCOM, senior leaders and staff on key issues including senior officer matters and joint requirements.

Col. O'Brien was commissioned in 1990 upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy and earned Distinguished Graduate honors from the Air Traffic Control Officer Training Program. She has served in a variety of assignments at wing, Headquarters U.S. Air Force and combatant command levels.

Col. O'Brien is a graduated commander of a mission support squadron and graduate of National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. Prior to her current assignment, Col. O'Brien served as the commander, 376th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyz Republic.



### EDUCATION

1990 Bachelor of Science degree in Human Behavior and Leadership, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

1995 Squadron Officer School (residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1997 Master of Arts degree in Human Relations/Organizational Behavior and Leadership, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

2004 Master of Arts degree in Military Operational Art and Science with focus in Leadership, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2007 Air War College (correspondence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2011 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1990 - November 1990, student, Air Traffic Control Basic Officer Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

2. November 1990 - August 1991, student, Air Traffic Control Upgrade Training, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

3. September 1991 - October 1993, deputy chief, Air Traffic Control Operations, 27th Operations Support Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

4. November 1993 - September 1994, section commander, 27th Operations Support Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

5. September 1994 - January 1996, section commander, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

6. February 1996 - January 1997, executive officer, J-1, Manpower and Personnel Directorate, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
7. February 1997 - December 1998, chief, Joint Officer Promotions and Evaluations, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
8. December 1998 - September 2000, chief, Benefits and Special Pays, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
9. October 2000 - September 2001, chief, Legislative Affairs – Personnel Issues Team, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. September 2001 - July 2003, commander, Military Personnel Flight, 4th Mission Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
11. August 2003 - June 2004, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. February July 2004 - February 2006, Commander, 319th Mission Support Squadron, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
13. February 2006 - December 2006, chief, Combat Operations Support Branch, Air and Space Expeditionary Center, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
14. December 2006 - July 2008, deputy chief, Combat Support Division, Air Force Personnel Center, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
15. July 2008 - March 2009, chief, Military Entitlements, Pay and Allowances Branch, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
16. April 2009 - September 2009, chief, A1 Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
17. September 2009 - August 2010, chief, Air Force Diversity Operations Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. August 2010 - June 2011, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
19. July 2011 - July 2012, commander, 376th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyz Republic
20. July 2012 - present, director, Manpower and Personnel, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star  
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Achievement Medal  
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with seven oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  
 National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1990  
 First Lieutenant May 30, 1992  
 Captain May 30, 1994  
 Major July 1, 2001  
 Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2006  
 Colonel Oct. 1, 2010

(Current as of September 2012)