



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL SHERRY L. STEARNS-BOLES

Colonel Sherry Stearns-Boles is the commander of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The mission of HQ AFROTC is to recruit, educate, train, motivate and develop officer candidates into Air Force commissioned officers through a comprehensive college program comprised of fundamental Air Force doctrine, academic instruction and practical leadership experiences. Additionally, HQ AFROTC executes a congressionally mandated field training program emphasizing physical fitness, expeditionary operations and officership to prepare cadets for active duty service.



Colonel Stearns-Boles graduated from Stanford University and received her commission through AFROTC from San Jose State University in 1987. Her first assignment was to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., as a missile launch officer. Colonel Stearns-Boles' previous assignments include associate dean, College of Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University, Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling; Air Force Space Command Chair to Air University while also dual-hatted as an Air War College faculty member, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; commander, 319th Missile Squadron, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; deputy chief, Modeling and Simulation Policy Division, Warfighting Integration, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.; United States Space Command Space Control Center commander, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Base, Colo.; and Twentieth Air Force evaluator, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Following her squadron command tour, she completed an Air Force Fellowship for senior developmental education as a technical fellow at Los Alamos National Laboratory, N.M. She has served as a missile and space crew commander, instructor, evaluator, and flight commander. During her first Air Education and Training Command assignment, she earned Master Instructor qualification.

Prior to her current assignment, Colonel Stearns-Boles was the vice commander, Air Force Inspection

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Agency. In this position, she served as second in command of 143 inspector general inspectors and support personnel providing independent and timely assessments of Air Force activities and policies and managed execution of health services, unit effectiveness, management, and directed inspections, nuclear surety oversight, and major command IG observations.

EDUCATION:

- 1988 Bachelor of Arts, Human Biology, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.
- 1993 Master of Science, Aeronautical Sciences Technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
- 1993 Squadron Officer School (correspondence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1994 Squadron Officer School (residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Joint Aerospace Command and Control Course, honor graduate, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College (seminar), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2002 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2003 Air War College (correspondence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2007 National Laboratory Technical Fellowship Program, Los Alamos National Laboratory, N.M.
- 2008 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1988 - September 1988, student, Undergraduate Missile Training, 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
2. September 1988 - September 1989, ICBM deputy missile combat crew commander, 10th Strategic Missile Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
3. October 1989 - September 1990, instructor deputy missile combat crew commander, 341st Strategic Missile Wing Operations Training Division, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
4. September 1990 - April 1991, missile combat crew commander, 10th Strategic Missile Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
5. April 1991 - May 1992, Evaluator missile combat crew commander, 341 Strategic Missile Wing Standardization/Evaluation Division, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
6. June 1992 - October 1992, chief, Standardization/Evaluation Procedures Branch, 341st Operations Group Standardization/Evaluation Division, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
7. November 1992 - July 1993, ICBM operations instructor, ICBM simulator curriculum developer, 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
8. July 1993 - May 1995, ICBM academic instructor, chief, Academic Operations Element, ICBM emergency war order instructor, 392nd Space and Missile Training Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
9. May 1995 - May 1996, chief, standardization policy, evaluator, Twentieth Air Force, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.
10. May 1996 - May 1997, chief, Technical Order Programs, evaluator, Twentieth Air Force, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.
11. May 1997 - March 1998, ICBM operations plans and program officer, Twentieth Air Force, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.
12. April 1998 - August 1999, chief, Space and Missile Command and Control Operations Centers, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
13. September 1999 - July 2000, senior operations flight commander, 1st Command and Control Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Base, Colo.
14. August 2000 - August 2001, operations support flight commander, 1st Command and Control Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Base, Colo.
15. August 2001 - June 2002, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
16. June 2002 - May 2004, chief, Space Modeling and Simulation Branch; chief, Modeling and Simulation Planning and Policy Branch; deputy chief, Modeling and Simulation Policy Division, Warfighting Integration,

Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

17. May 2004 - June 2006, commander, 319th Missile Squadron, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.

18. July 2006 - May 2007, Air Force Fellow, Principal Associate Directorate for Weapons Programs, Los Alamos National Laboratory, N.M.

19. June 2007 - June 2009, Air Force Space Command Chair, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

20. July 2009 - February 2011, associate dean, School of Intelligence Studies, National Defense Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C.

21. February 2011 - June 2011, associate dean, College of Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University, Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington D.C.

22. June 2011 - June 2013, vice commander, Air Force Inspection Agency, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

23. June 2013 - July 2015, deputy commander, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

24. July 2015 - present, Commander, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with seven oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with three oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operation Service Medal

OTHER AWARDS:

2013 Commitment To Excellence through Service Award (City of Albuquerque, N.M.)

2010 Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Award, National Defense Intelligence College

2008 General Muir S. Fairchild Educational Achievement Award, Air War College winner

2003 Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program Distinguished Service Award, Air Force winner

2000 Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award, Air Force winner

1998 International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women

1997 20th Air Force Company Grade Officer of the Year

1992 20th Air Force Crew Member Excellence Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Jan. 13, 1988

First Lieutenant Jan. 13, 1990

Captain Jan. 13, 1992

Major Aug. 1, 1999

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2003

Colonel Aug. 1, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

The Future Role and Need for Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century, 2007