



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL WAYLON D. BLAKELEY



Colonel Waylon D. Blakeley is the Mission Support Group Commander at the 117th Air Refueling Wing, Alabama Air National Guard, Birmingham, Alabama.

The Group provides base infrastructure, communications, logistics, security, and human resource support of KC-135 air refueling aircraft operations.

Colonel Blakeley began his career in 1972 at Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He served in the 226 Combat Communications Squadron at Gadsden Alabama for 13 years. He attained the rank of Technical Sergeant prior to commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in 1984 thru the Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air Base, Knoxville, Tennessee. He served in the 117 Civil Engineer Squadron at Birmingham, Alabama from 1985 – 2011.

Prior to his current position, Colonel Blakeley was Civil Engineer Squadron Commander & Base Civil Engineer for the 117th Air Refueling Wing, Alabama Air National Guard, Birmingham, AL. He has been a Registered Professional Engineer in Alabama since 1990.

EDUCATION:

- 1975 Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
- 1986 Introduction to Base Civil Engineering, Air Force Institute Of Technolgy
- 1986 Squadron Office School Non-Residence Program
- 1987 Air Field Combat Engineering, Air Force Institute Of Technolgy
- 1989 Facility Systems Design, Air Force Institute Of Technolgy
- 1998 Air Command and Staff College Non-Residence Program
- 2003 Air War College Non-Residence Program

ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. Mar 1972 – Apr 1984, Teletype Operator, 226 Combat Comm Squadron, Martin ANG Station, AL
- 2. May 1984 – Nov 1984, Communications Officer, 226 Combat Comm Squadron, Martin ANG, AL
- 3. Dec 1984 – Jun 1985, Maintenance Officer, 226 Combat Comm Squadron, Martin ANG, AL
- 4. Jul -1985 – Nov 1987, OIC Engineering & Technical Design, 117 CES, Birmingham, AL
- 5. Dec 1987 – Sep 1991, Chief Resources and Requirements, 117 CES, Birmingham, AL
- 6. Oct 1991 – Aug 1997, OIC CE Environmental, 117 CES, Birmingham, AL
- 7. Sep 1997 – Mar 1999, Operations Officer, 117 CES, Birmingham, AL
- 8. Apr 1999 – May 2011, Commander, 117 CES, Birmingham, AL
- 9. Jun 2011 Commander, 117 Mission Support Group, Birmingham, AL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

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	DEVICES
1. Meritorious Service Medal	1
2. Air Force Commendation Medal	0
3. Air Force Achievement Medal	0
4. Meritorious Unit Award	0
5. AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device	3
6. Combat Readiness Medal	0
7. Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal	3
8. National Defense Service Medal	1
9. Iraq Campaign Medal	1
10. Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	0
11. Global War on Terrorism Service Medal	0
12. Humanitarian Service Medal	0
13. AF Overseas Ribbon Short	1
14. Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border	0
15. Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon	0
16. AF Longevity Service	9
17. Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 'M' Device	3
18. Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon	1
19. AF Training Ribbon	1

STATE AWARDS

	DEVICES
1. Alabama Veterans Service Medal	4
2. Alabama National Emergency Service Medal and Service Medal	0
3. Alabama Faithful Service Medal	9
4. Alabama Active Duty Basic Training Medal	0

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman Basic	MAR 1972
Airman	APR 1972
Airman First Class	APR 1974
Sergeant	APR 1976
Staff Sergeant	APR 1978
Technical Sergeant	APR 1980
Second Lieutenant	MAY 1984
First Lieutenant	AUG 1986
Captain	AUG 1988
Major	FEB 1993
Lieutenant Colonel	MAY 1999
Colonel	JUN 2011