



# *BIOGRAPHY*

## **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

Space and Missile Systems Center (AFSPC)  
Office of Public Affairs  
Los Angeles Air Force Base, California

### **COLONEL RICHARD W. WHITE JR.**

Colonel Richard W. White Jr. is the Director, Development Planning, Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. As director, the colonel is responsible to the Commander of SMC for the planning of future space and missile missions across the Center. His Directorate develops new materiel concepts to satisfy requirements provided by Headquarters Air Force Space Command. He directs an SMC modeling and simulation capability to assess the performance of these concepts. He is also responsible for the planning process for technology investment needs across the Center, and conducting project demonstrations.

He received his commission upon graduation from the University of Notre Dame in 1979 where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1982, and at the Air Force Institute of Technology he earned a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1983. Colonel White has completed Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Defense Systems Management College, and Air War College. His career spans space systems research, acquisition, test, launch, and operations.



#### **EDUCATION:**

- 1979 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 1979 Communications Electronics Certification Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
- 1982 Master's Degree in Systems Management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- 1983 Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 1986 Squadron Officer's School, by correspondence and at Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 1990 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1991 Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- 1998 Air War College, by correspondence

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. 1979 - 1980 Student, Communications Electronics Certification, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
2. 1980 - 1983 Project Officer, Defense Satellite Communications System (DSCS) Program Office, Los Angeles AFB, California
3. 1983 - 1984 Graduate Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. 1985 - 1990 Project Officer, Secretary of the Air Force Special Projects, Los Angeles AFB, California
5. 1990 - 1991 Operations Director, Air Force Communications Support Facility, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico
6. 1991 Student, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

7. 1992 - 1995 Director of Engineering, Air Force Communications Support Facility, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico
8. 1995 - 1998 Deputy Director of Systems Engineering, Low Earth Orbit System Program Office, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Virginia
9. 1998 - 2001 Deputy Group Commander, Operating Division 2, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, United Kingdom
10. 2001 - 2002 Deputy Director, Optical Surveillance System Program Office, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
11. 2002 - 2004 Director, DoD Space Test Program, SMC Detachment 12, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
12. 2004 - 2006 Commander, Space Development and Test Wing, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
13. 2006 - Present Director, Development Planning, Los Angeles AFB, California

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Joint Service Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Acquisition Professional Certified at Level III in:  
Program Management  
Systems Planning, Research, Development, and Engineering

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	June 24, 1979
First Lieutenant	June 24, 1981
Captain	June 24, 1983
Major	August 1, 1990
Lieutenant Colonel	February 1, 1996
Colonel	November 1, 2001

(Current as of May 2008)