BIOGRAPHY

HQ AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KRISTI BARTO

Colonel Kristin J. Barto is Chief, Strategic Plans Branch, Plans Division, HQ Air Force Space Command. In this position she is responsible for developing and executing AFSPC's strategic plan and also for executing the command's capabilities-based planning process. Colonel Barto entered the Air Force in 1990 upon graduation from The United States Air Force Academy. Colonel Barto started her Air Force career as a crew commander performing command and control of DMSP satellites at Offutt AFB. In 1994-95 she served as crew commander and Chief, Stan/Eval at the 12th Space Warning Squadron, Thule Air Base, Greenland. She has also worked stan/eval at the 50 OG at Shriever AFB and was Chief, Stan/Eval at 30 OG at Vandenberg AFB. She performed a career broadening assignment as an instructor at the United States Air Force Academy and worked missile defense at HQ NORAD. In her most recent assignment, Col Barto was assigned to Air Staff as Chief of C4 Capabilities, representing the Air Force in the joint arena on the Net-Centric Functional Control Board.

EDUCATION:

1990 Bachelor of Science Degree in English Literature, United States Air Force Academy
1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
1997 Masters Degree in Space Systems Mgt, Websters University
2005 Masters Degree in Military Operational Art/Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1990 — September 1990, student, Undergraduate Space Training, Lowry AFB, CO
2. October 1990 — May 1994, Crew Commander and Chief, Stan/Eval, 6 SOPS, Offutt AFB, NE
3. June 1994 — June 1995, Crew Commander and Chief, Stan/Eval, 12th Space Warning Squadron, Thule AB, Greenland
4. July 1995 — March 1998, Chief, Standardization, 50th Operations Group, 50th Space Wing, Shriever AFB, CO
5. April 1998 — April 2001, Instr, Course Director & Exec Officer, 34th Ed Grp, United States Air Force Academy, CO
6. May 2001 — May 2003, Range Control Officer and Chief, Stan/Eval, 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg AFB, CA
7. June 2003 — July 2004, Chief, Missile/Space Integration, HQ NORAD, Peterson AFB, CO
8. August 2004 — May 2005, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
9. June 2005 — June 2008, Chief, Net-centric Capabilities Branch and Deputy Chief, C4 Capabilities Division, HQ USAF/A5R-J, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
10. July 2008 — Present, Chief, Strategic Plans Branch, HQ Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, CO

BADGE INFORMATION:

Master Space Badge

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

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