



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL MICHELE C. EDMONDSON

Major General Michele C. Edmondson is the Commander, Second Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base (AFB), Miss. She is responsible for the development, oversight, and direction of all operational aspects of basic military training, initial skills training, advanced and supplemental non-flying training for 93 percent of the Air Force across 265 specialties. Second Air Force delivers over 2,700 courses and graduates 150,000 Airmen, Guardians, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and international students annually. The command includes five training wings at Keesler AFB; Sheppard and Goodfellow AFBs; Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas; and a network of 103 operating locations around the world.

General Edmondson entered the Air Force in 1993 as a graduate of the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Florida. She has served in a variety of space operations, acquisition, staff, and policy assignments associated with space based missile warning; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; and communication systems at the unit, national, Air Staff and Joint Staff levels as well as the Executive Office of the President. General Edmondson has commanded a space operations squadron, a space and missile training group, Air Force Basic Military Training, and a technical training wing. Prior to her current assignment, she served as the Commandant of Cadets, U.S Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
- 1998 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.
- 2000 Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Management, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 Master of Science, National Security Affairs and Naval War College, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
- 2010 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 Master of Science, Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1993–May 1993, Student, Undergraduate Space Training, Lowry Air Force Base (AFB), Colo.
2. June 1993–October 1993, Student, Satellite Operations Crew Commander Training, 1013th Crew Training Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
3. October 1993–July 1995, Crew Commander, Deputy Chief of Training, Deputy Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 2d Space Warning Squadron, Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colo.
4. August 1995–December 1996, Chief, Space Warning and Control Element and Instructor, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training, 392d Training Squadron, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
5. December 1996–November 1997, Chief, Defense Support Program Data System Supervisor Training Section, 533d Training Squadron, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
6. November 1997–June 1998, Executive Officer, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

7. July 1998–June 2000, Air Force Intern, Politico-Military Planner, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs-Europe, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5, The Joint Staff and Directorate of Plans, Programs, and Budget, Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. July 2000–May 2003, Chief, Space Tactics Development Branch, Chief Operational Performance Evaluation Division, and Chief of Staff, Signals Intelligence Applications and Integration Office, Office of Space and Technology, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Space) with duty at the National Reconnaissance Office, Washington, D.C.
9. June 2003–August 2005, Student, Intermediate Development Education, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
10. September 2005–May 2007, Chief, Southwest Asia Campaign Analysis Branch and Deputy Chief, Current Operations Analysis Division, Directorate of Studies, Analysis and Assessments, and Lessons Learned (A9), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2007–June 2009, Commander, 2d Space Warning Squadron, Buckley AFB, Colo.
12. July 2009–May 2010, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. June 2010–June 2012 Chief, Space, Spectrum, Transport Division, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Directorate (J6), The Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. June 2012–May 2014, Commander, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
15. June 2014–May 2015, Commander, 737th Training Group, Air Force Basic Military Training, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
16. June 2015–June 2017, Commander, 81st Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.
17. June 2017–August 2018, Senior Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. August 2018-May 2019, Director, Space Policy, National Security Council, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
19. May 2019-July 2021, Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
20. July 2021-Present, Commander, Second Air Force, Keesler AFB, Miss.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 2, 1992
First Lieutenant Sept. 9, 1994
Captain Sept. 9, 1996
Major March 1, 2003
Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2006
Colonel May 1, 2012
Brigadier General Aug. 3, 2018
Major General Sept. 2, 2020

(Current as of July 2021)