



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KEVIN H. ELEY

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin H. Eley is an Air Force Strategic Policy Fellow within the National Capital Region serving in the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies. Prior to his selection as a Fellow, he was the Distribution Branch Chief for United States Transportation Command, Sustainment Division, where he developed, monitored, and adjusted the global logistics network to support distribution of sustainment, foreign military sales and humanitarian cargo within the defense transportation system. His operational assignments include Assistant Director of Operations and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation for the 912th Air Refueling Squadron, Director of the Commander's Action Group, 19th Air Wing, and evaluator pilot for the 34th Combat Training Squadron specializing in air mobility operations for the Joint Readiness Training Center and Green Flag exercises. Lieutenant Colonel Eley has deployed seven times in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and the Joint Interagency Task Force South. He served as the Aide-de-Camp to the 18th Air Force Commander, a Presidential Advanced agent, and held executive officer positions at the group and squadron level.



Lieutenant Colonel Eley is a distinguished graduate of the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a degree in Business Information Technology. He holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and earned his pilot wings at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. Lieutenant Colonel Eley is a Senior Pilot with more than 2,900 hours in KC-135 and C-130 aircraft.

EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Science in Business, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, VA (Military Distinguished Graduate)

2010 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL.

2010 Master of Science in Business Administration, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, AR.

2013 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, AL.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2004 - November 2005, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS/Corpus Christi NAS, TX.
2. November 2005 - September 2010, Instructor Pilot, Chief of Training, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR.
3. September 2010 - March 2012, Evaluator Pilot, Director of Wing Commanders Action Group, 34th Combat Training Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR.
4. March 2012 - May 2013, Aircraft Commander, Group Executive Officer, 452d Operations Group, March ARB, CA

5. May 2013 - May 2014, Pilot Evaluator, Presidential Advanced Agent, Assistant Director of Operations and Chief Standardization and Evaluations, 912th Air Refueling Squadron, March ARB, CA.
6. May 2014 - August 2015, Aide-de-Camp, 18th Air Force, Scott AFB, IL
7. August 2015 – July 2017, Distribution Branch Chief, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, IL
8. August 2017 – Present, Strategic Policy Fellow, Air University, Washington D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot
Flight Hours: Over 2,900 including 1,479 combat hours
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-44, C-130E, C-130H, KC-135R, KC-135T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf cluster
Air Medal with twelve oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
AF Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with service star
Iraq Campaign Medal with three service stars

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jan. 5, 2004
First Lieutenant Jan. 5, 2006
Captain Jan. 5, 2008
Major Jan. 1, 2014
Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2017

(Current as of 27 April 2018)