



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL SARAH E. ZABEL

Colonel Sarah E. Zabel commands the 9th Mission Support Group at Beale Air Force Base, California. Responsible for leading and supervising the activities of over 1,400 military and civilian personnel, she also manages a \$33.5 million operating budget and protects and manages resources in excess of \$1.1 billion, including over 550 facilities and over 1,200 family homes. The 9th Mission Support Group's six squadrons and Support Division provide facilities and infrastructure, communications and computers, security and law enforcement, recreation and services, human resources, contracting and logistics readiness in support of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing and Beale's global missions.



Colonel Zabel earned her commission from the U.S Air Force Academy in 1987. She has served within the communications field as the 43rd Communications Squadron commander at Pope Air Force Base, as a computer security evaluator at the National Security Agency, computer and network programmer, and a contract program manager. She has also served as an Air Force Academy instructor; Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commander of US European Command; Central Command Air Forces (Forward) Chief of Operations, Plans and Engineering; a Joint Staff Action Officer; Deputy Executive Assistant to the Director for Operations, J-3, on the Joint Staff; and as the Communications and Information Panel Chair in the Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington DC.

EDUCATION:

1987 Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, United States Air Force Academy
1993 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
1996 Master of Science in Computer Science, The University of Texas at San Antonio
2001 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2007 Master of Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1987-December 1987, Student, Basic Communications-Computer Training Course, Keesler AFB, MS
2. December 1987-January 1990, Computer Security Analyst, 6943d Electronic Security Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, MD
3. January 1990-December 1992, Chief, Mission Engineering Software Development, 6920th Electronic Security Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan

4. January 1993-February 1993, Student, Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, AL
5. February 1993-June 1996, Chief, Automated Data Processing Support, Space and Advanced Programs Division, Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency, Kelly AFB, TX
6. June 1996-October 1997, Chief, Information Systems Branch, Office of Analysis and Simulation, Headquarters, United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany
7. October 1997-July 1998, Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commander in Chief, United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany
8. July 1998-August 2000, Instructor of Computer Science, United States Air Force Academy, CO
9. August 2000-June 2001, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. June 2001-June 2003, Commander, 43d Communications Squadron, Pope AFB, NC
11. July 2003-July 2004, Chief, C4 Operations, Plans and Engineering, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
12. July 2004-January 2005, Action Officer, Joint Staff Operations Directorate (J-3), Deputy Directorate for Global Operations, Strategic Operations Division, Communications and Procedures Branch, Pentagon, Washington DC
13. January 2005-July 2006, Deputy Executive Assistant to the Director for Operations, J-3, The Joint Staff, Washington DC
14. July 2006-June 2007, Student, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA
15. July 2007-July 2008, Communications and Information Panel Chair, Pentagon, Washington DC
16. July 2008-Present, Commander, 9th Mission Support Group, Beale AFB CA.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster
National Defense Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant: May 27, 1987
First Lieutenant: May 27, 1989
Captain: May 27, 1990
Major: November 1, 1998
Lieutenant Colonel: February 1, 2003
Colonel: September 1, 2007

(current as of July 2008)