

# **BRADFORD E. WARD**

## **U.S. AIR FORCE**

### **Colonel**

Service Dates: 1978 - 2008  
(30 years)



Colonel Bradford E. Ward (retired) served 30 years on active duty in the United States Air Force. He served in a variety of command and staff assignments; and qualified for the Master Missile Operations Badge, the Master Space Operations Badge, and the Joint Staff Badge.

#### **EDUCATION**

- 1977: Bachelor of Science degree in General Business, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 1982: Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 1982: Master of Science degree in Industrial Safety, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO
- 1990: Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (Distinguished Graduate)
- 1990: Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 1993: Air War College by seminar
- 1996: Naval War College, Newport, RI (Graduated with Distinction)
- 1996: Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. April - July 1978: Student. Missile Combat Crew Initial Qualification Training, Vandenberg AFB, CA
2. August 1978 - August 1982: Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, Evaluator Deputy, Crew Commander and Evaluator Crew Commander, 351st Missile Wing, Whiteman AFB, MO
3. September 1982 - June 1986: ICBM Operations Evaluator, 3901st Strategic Missile Evaluation Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA
4. June 1986 - December 1988: Staff Officer in ICBM Operations Division, Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations, Headquarters Strategic Air Command (HQ SAC), Offutt AFB, NE
5. December 1988 - August 1989: Executive Officer, Director of Operations, HQ SAC, Offutt AFB, NE
6. August 1989 - June 1990: Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. July 1990 - July 1993: Nuclear Forces Planner and Space Forces Planner, Joint Staff, J8 Directorate - Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, Pentagon, Washington DC
8. July 1993 - June 1995: Operations Officer and Commander, 564th Missile Squadron, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, MT
9. August 1995 - June 1996: Student. Naval War College, Newport, RI
10. June 1996 - May 1998: Chief, Policy, Strategy, and Doctrine Branch, Policy and Plans Division, Plans Directorate (N5), HQ North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), Peterson AFB, CO
11. May 1998 - August 1998: Chief Policy and Plans Division, Plans Directorate (N5), HQ NORAD, Peterson AFB, CO
12. September 1998 - March 2001: Commander, 6th Support Group, 6th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill AFB, FL
13. May 2001 - October 2002: Commander, 10th Air Base Wing, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
14. October 2002 - July 2005: Inspector General, HQ Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, CO
15. July 2005 - 30 April 2008: Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 158 and Professor of Aerospace Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

- Legion of Merit Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
- Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Combat Readiness Medal
- National Defense Service Medal with one Service Star
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Second Lieutenant 14 May 1977
- First Lieutenant 14 Nov 1979
- Captain 14 Nov 1981
- Major 1 Nov 1988
- Lieutenant Colonel 1 Jun 1993
- Colonel 1 Aug 1998



*Colonel Brad Ward and wife Miranda upon her retirement (2007)*

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