



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL PHILIP T. WOLD

Colonel Philip T. (“Todd”) Wold is the Staff Judge Advocate for United States Special Operations Command. In this capacity he provides the Commanding General, Senior Leaders and 2,500 Headquarter personnel with full spectrum legal advice to execute the Command’s mission to synchronize the planning of Special Operations and provide Special Operations Forces to support persistent, networked and distributed Global Combatant Command operations in order to protect and advance the Nation’s interest.



Colonel Wold was commissioned in 1990 by direct appointment. He has served in assignments at the wing, Numbered Air Force, HQ Direct Reporting Unit, Field Operating Agency, Sub-Unified Command, Joint Staff and Office of the Secretary of Defense levels. His duties have included serving as deputy staff judge advocate, installation staff judge advocate (x2), defense counsel, deputy legal advisor to Joint Special Operations Command, chief of operational law for the air component to USFK and later for the USCENTCOM air component, staff judge advocate for an ISR FOA under HAF/A2, deputy legal counsel (current and special operations portfolio) to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Combined Air Operations Center Legal Advisor to the Combined Forces Air Component Commander. He has deployed multiple times. Most recently he served as the Senior Military Assistant to the General Counsel for the Department of Defense. The General Counsel serves as the chief legal officer of the Department of Defense and the legal adviser to the Secretary of Defense.

Colonel Wold is from Montana. He is married to Lieutenant Colonel Shelley Strong (USAF, retired). They have two dogs, Erica, a “San Antonio Mixed Special” and Julie, a “South Carolina Mixed Special.”

EDUCATION

- 1987 B.A., History (*magna cum laude*), Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
- 1990 J.D., Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, LA
- 2001 M.A., Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

- 1996 Squadron Officer School (residence)
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College (residence)
- 2006 Air War College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Apr 1991 – Mar 1993, Chief Adverse Actions and Claims, 86 TFW/JA, Ramstein Air Base, Federal Republic of Germany
2. Mar 1993 – Aug 1994, Chief, Military Justice, HQ USAFA/JA, Colorado Springs, CO
3. Aug 1994 – Jul 1995, Area Defense Counsel / Cadet Defense Counsel, AFLSA, USAFA
4. Jul 1995 – Aug 1998, Deputy Legal Advisor, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC

5. Aug 1998 – Jul 1999, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 51 FW/JA, Osan Air Base, Korea
6. Jul 1999 – Aug 2000, Chief Adverse Actions, 7th AF and US Air Forces Korea, Osan AB, Korea
7. Aug 2000 – Jun 2001, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
8. Jun 2001 – Aug 2003, Chief Operational Law Branch 9th AF/USCENTAF, Shaw AFB, SC
9. Aug 2003 – Jul 2005, Legal Advisor, HQ Air Force Doctrine Center, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. Jul 2005 – Jul 2007, Staff Judge Advocate, 43d Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, NC
11. Jul 2007 – Jul 2009, Deputy Legal Counsel, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon
12. Jul 2009 – Jan 2010, Staff Judge Advocate, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, VA
13. Jan 2010 – Jul 2011, Staff Judge Advocate, 633d Air Base Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
14. Jul 2011 – Jun 2014, Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force ISR Agency, Lackland AFB, TX
15. Jun 2014 – Jun 2015, Legal Advisor, CAOC, (AF Element USCENTCOM), Al Udeid, Qatar
16. Jul 2015 – Feb 2016, Director, Operations and International law, Headquarters Air Force
17. Feb 2016 – July 2017, Senior Military Assistant to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, DC
18. Jul 2017 – Present, Staff Judge Advocate, United States Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC)
 Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC)
 Air Force Commendation Medal (1 OLC)
 Army Commendation Medal
 Joint Service Achievement Medal (2 OLC)
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Army Achievement Medal
 Combat Readiness Medal
 National Defense Service Medal (1 BS)
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Korean Defense Service Medal

OTHER HONORS

US Army Airborne School Officer Honor Graduate, 1995
 USSOCOM Outstanding Judge Advocate (Kuhfeld) Award Winner, 1996 and 1997
 Air Combat Command Outstanding Senior Attorney (Reichert) Award Winner, 2010
 9th Air Force and Air Combat Command Legal Office of the Year, (Staff Judge Advocate) 2010
 Admiral (honorary), Texas Navy, (By Order of the Governor of the State of Texas) 2014

BAR ADMISSION

Supreme Court of the United States
 Supreme Court of the State of Colorado,
 US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Captain	31 July 1991
Major	1 January 1999
Lieutenant Colonel	1 October 2004
Colonel	1 September 2009