



Reserve Forces Policy Board

Colonel Heather J. Tyner Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Air Force Reserve

Colonel Heather Tyner is the Senior Policy Advisor for the Air Force Reserve to the Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C. The Reserve Forces Policy Board serves as an independent adviser to the Secretary of Defense, providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary on strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the seven Reserve components.



Colonel Tyner is originally from Kansas City, Missouri. She joined the Air Force in 2002 and served on active duty for 13 years in Manpower, Personnel, and Services assignments at Wing, Major Command, and Headquarters Air Force levels prior to joining the Air Force Reserve in 2015. Colonel Tyner has multiple deployments in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. She is a fully joint qualified officer and served as an Afghan cultural subject matter expert in the AFPAK Hands program. Prior to her current position, she was the Deputy Director, Senior Leader Management, Office of Air Force Reserve, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and Leadership, Friends University, Wichita, Kan.
2002 Basic Officer Training, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala., in-residence
2002 Basic Manpower Officer Course, Distinguished Graduate, Keesler AFB, Miss.
2004 Basic Personnel Officer Course, Distinguished Graduate, Keesler AFB, Miss.
2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., in-residence
2010 Masters of Business Administration, University of Phoenix, Phoenix Ariz.
2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2017 Masters of Military Operational Art and Science, Political-Military Affairs Strategist, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., in-residence
2018 Joint and Combined Warfighting School-Hybrid, Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.
2020 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2021 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2002 – October 2003, Management Engineering Analyst/Executive Officer, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
2. October 2003 – June 2005, Section Commander, 1st Communications Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
3. July 2005 – July 2008, Section Commander and Chief, Relocations and Employments, 18th Mission Support Squadron and Executive officer, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan
4. August 2008 – August 2009, Personnel Support Flight Commander, 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
5. May 2009 – April 2011, Deputy Chief, Airman and Family Services Branch and Deputy Chief, Sustainment Services Branch, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

6. June 2011 – May 2013, Operations Officer, 375th Force Support Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill. (Aug 11-Jun 12 Embedded Combat Advisor; Personnel and Finance Advisor to Afghan National Civil Order Police, Camp Stone, Herat and FOB Whitehouse, Helmand, Afghanistan)
7. June 2013 – April 2015, Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands Assignments Program Manager/Assignments Policy, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C. (Mar 14-Dec 14 Personnel and Training Advisor to the Afghan Ministry of Interior, ISAF HQ, Kabul; and Personnel Advisor, Special Operations Advisor Team, CJSOTF-A, Camp Scorpion, Afghanistan)
8. May 2015 – December 2015, IMA to the Chief, Readiness and Integration Division, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
9. December 2015 – July 2016, IMA to the Deputy Director, 78th Force Support Sq, Robins AFB, Ga.
10. July 2016 – June 2017, Student, Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2017 – February 2019, Commander, 349th Force Support Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
12. February 2019 – February 2022, Chief, Senior Leader Strategy and Colonel Management, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
13. March 2022 – June 2024, Deputy Director, Senior Leader Management, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
14. July 2024 – Present, Senior Air Force Reserve Policy Advisor, Reserve Forces Policy Board, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Valorous Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two service stars

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Overseas Tour Ribbon - Short

Overseas Tour Ribbon - Long

Armed Forces Expeditionary Ribbon with Gold Border with two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Longevity Service Award with five oak leaf clusters

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air and Space Training Ribbon

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 24, 2002

First Lieutenant May 24, 2004

Captain May 24, 2006

Major March 1, 2012

Lieutenant Colonel August 24, 2017

Colonel March 30, 2022

(Current as of July 2024)