

Brigadier General Keith A. Schell

Assistant Adjutant General – Air, Nebraska

Brigadier General Keith A. Schell is the Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Nebraska National Guard. In this capacity, he has the overall responsibility for the organization, training, and equipage of the 155th Air Refueling Wing in Lincoln, Nebraska and the 170th Group at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He serves as the principal advisor to the Adjutant General on complex and sensitive issues in the areas of logistics, command and control, communications, manpower and personnel, and other support functions related to mission operations.

General Keith A. Schell began his career in June of 1981, enlisting in the Nebraska Air National Guard as a Photo Processor Specialist. After graduating from the Academy of Military Science in December 1986, General Schell was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Following his graduation from undergraduate pilot training he attended RF-4C Replacement Training Unit in Boise, Idaho. Upon completion, General Schell was assigned as a RF-4C Aircraft Commander in the 173d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. While in the squadron he served as Intelligence Officer. Following his upgrade to Instructor Pilot in the RF-4C, he was temporarily assigned to Torrejon Air Force Base, Madrid, Spain and later to Choo Won Air Base, South Korea where he instructed the Spanish and South Korean RF-4 pilots on the Navigational Weapons Delivery System. He converted to the KC-135R in June of 1994. General Schell served in various positions in the 173d Air Refueling Squadron, Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Nebraska, including the Flying Training Officer, Deputy Chief of Current Operations, Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, and as the Squadron Director of Operations. While in the squadron, General Schell served as the Air National Guard's lead KC-135R Instructor Pilot in charge of the planning, development, and implementation of the Global Air Transportation Management System modification. He was next assigned as the 155th Air Refueling Wing Executive Officer. From 2006 until May of 2012, he served as the 155th Maintenance Group Commander. General Schell then served as the Wing Commander of the 155th Air Refueling Wing from June 2012 until August 2014. Prior to his current assignment, General Schell served as Nebraska Air National Guard Chief of Staff.

EDUCATION:

1985 Bachelor of Arts in Finance and Marketing, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

1993 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

1997 Masters of Business Administration with emphasis in International Finance, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

2003 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2007 Air War College, by correspondence

2012 Joint Task Force Commander's Course, Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1981 – February 1985, Photo Processing Specialist, 173d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln, Nebraska
2. March 1985 – October 1985, Production Specialist, 173d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln, Nebraska
3. November 1985 – October 1986, Production Supervisor, 173d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln, Nebraska
4. November 1986 – December 1986, Student, Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson ANG, Knoxville, Tennessee
5. January 1987 – November 1987, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi
6. December 1987 – February 1988, Fighter Lead in Flight Training, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
7. March 1988 – September 1988, Student, RF-4C Replacement Training Unit, 189th Tactical Reconnaissance Training Flight, Boise, Idaho
8. October 1988 – September 1992, RF-4C Aircraft Commander, 173d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln, Nebraska
9. October 1992 – December 1992, RF-4C Instructor Pilot, Spanish Air Force, Torrejon Air Force Base, Madrid, Spain
10. January 1993 – March 1993, RF-4C Instructor Pilot, South Korean Air Force, Choo Won Air Base, South Korea
11. April 1993 – October 1993, RF-4C Instructor Pilot, 173d Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln, Nebraska
12. October 1993 – December 1993, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama
13. January 1994 – June 1994, Student, KC-135R RTU, 93d Air Refueling Squadron, Castle Air Force Base, California
14. July 1994 – December 1995, KC-135R Aircraft Commander, 173d Air Refueling Squadron, Lincoln, Nebraska
15. January 1996 – February 1999, Flying Training Officer, 155th Operations Support Flight, Lincoln, Nebraska
16. March 1999 – August 2002, Deputy Chief Current Operations, 155th Operations Support Flight, Lincoln, Nebraska
17. September 2002 – May 2003, KC-135 Standardization and Evaluation Pilot, 155th Operations Group, Lincoln, Nebraska
18. June 2003 – May 2004, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 155th Operations Group, Lincoln, Nebraska
19. June 2004 – September 2005, Director of Operations, 173d Air Refueling Squadron, Lincoln, Nebraska
20. October 2005 – March 2006, Executive Officer, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Nebraska
21. April 2006 – December 2008, Commander, 155th Maintenance Group, Lincoln, Nebraska
22. January 2009 – March 2009, Special Operations Forces Command, Balad Iraq
23. April 2009 – May 2012, Commander, 155th Maintenance Group, Lincoln, Nebraska

24. June 2012 – August 2014, Commander, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln, Nebraska
25. September 2014 – June 2015, Chief of Staff, Nebraska Joint Force Headquarters, Lincoln, Nebraska
26. January 2016 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General—Air, Joint Force Headquarters, Lincoln, Nebraska

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,500

Aircraft Flown: KC-135R, RF-4, AT-38, T-38, F-15D, F-18, T-37, T-41

Pilot wings from: Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 devices)

Aerial Achievement Medal (with 2 devices)

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal (with 2 devices)

Air Force Achievement Medal (with 3 devices)

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 10 devices)

Combat Readiness Medal (with 8 devices)

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Serve Medal (with 1 device)

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 device)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal (with 2 devices)

Humanitarian Service Medal (with 2 devices)

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Air Force overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (with 1 device)

Air Force Longevity Service (with 6 devices)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 2 devices)

Small Arms Expert marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)

Air Force Training Ribbon (with 1 device)

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 19 December 1986

First Lieutenant 19 December 1989

Captain 2 October 1992

Major 15 July 1999
Lieutenant Colonel 1 May 2004
Colonel 29 April 2008
Brigadier General 30 July 2015

(Current as of April 2016)