



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

STEPHEN WALES

Stephen Wales is the Director of Mission Support for Squadron Officer School, Air University, located at Maxwell AFB, AL. In this capacity, he manages a campus of 7 facilities in addition to 50 acres of outdoor classrooms, and all acquisitions and financial management functions for the school. In other civilian capacities, he has been a classroom instructor including adjunct Instructor at the University of Alaska and high school calculus on a part-time basis. He is also a registered Professional Engineer.



Mr. Wales received a commission from the US Air Force Academy, with a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering. He served on full-time active duty for 13 years with assignments in various capacities in Civil Engineering squadrons, Squadron Officer College, and the Holm Center for Officer Accessions & Citizen Development. In his 15 years in the reserve component, he has served in various capacities within officer PME, including PME instructor, curriculum developer, evaluations specialist, Unit Reserve Coordinator, Reserve Advisor, and deputy director. He has also done specialized work for AFRC and AFSPC courses. In his 13 years as a federal civilian, he has served as PME evaluations specialist and in mission support.

EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, United States Air Force Academy
1995 Air Force Basic Civil Engineer Officer Course, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
1995 Air Force Contingency Engineer Course, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2002 Academic Instructor School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2003 Master of Arts in Biblical/Theological Studies, Luther Rice Seminary, Lithonia, GA
2005 Master of Science in Adult Education, Troy State University, Montgomery, AL
2008 Master of Military Arts and Operational Sciences, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

MILITARY

1. August 1994 – September 1996, Civil Engineer, 314 Civil Engineer Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR
2. October 1996 – December 1996, Civil Engineer, Project Design Assistance Team, Soto Cano AB, Honduras
3. January 1997 – July 1997, Civil Project Manager/Construction Inspector, 314 CES, Little Rock AFB, AR
4. July 1997 – June 1998, Chief, Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineering Requirements, 14 CES, Columbus AFB, MS
5. June 1998 – July 1999, Chief, Maintenance Engineering, 14 CES, Columbus AFB, MS
6. July 1999 – June 2001, Chief, Special Program Contracts, 314 CES, Eielson AFB, AK
7. June 2001 – September 2001, Engineering Flight Commander, 332 ECES, Al Jaber, Kuwait
8. September 2001 – August 2002, Chief, Design and Construction Contracts, 314 CES, Eielson AFB, AK
9. September 2002 – December 2003, PME Instructor, 31st Student Squadron, Squadron Officer College,

Maxwell AFB, AL

10. December 2003 – September 2004, Chief, Evaluations Div, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. October 2004 – January 2006, (USAFR) Testing Specialist, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. January 2006 – July 2007, (USAFR) Senior Flight Commander, 30 Student Squadron, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, AL
13. August 2007 – June 2008, (USAFR) Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
14. July 2008 – April 2010, (USAFR) Senior Flight Commander, 30 Student Squadron, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, AL
15. April 2010 – January 2017, (USAFR) Director of Homeland Security Studies, USAF Counterproliferation Center, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
16. January 2017 – June 2018, Curriculum Developer / Instructor, Holm Center for Officer Development & Citizen Development, Maxwell AFB, AL
17. July 2018 – July 2019, Director, Support Directorate, Holm Center for Officer Development & Citizen Development, Maxwell AFB, AL
18. July 2019 – January 2020, Deputy to the Dean and Director of Academic Affairs, Holm Center for Officer Development & Citizen Development, Maxwell AFB, AL
19. January 2020 – March 2021, (USAFR) Chief, Engineering Services, 622 Civil Engineer Flight, Dobbins ARB, GA
20. March 2021 – Present, (USAFR) IMA to the Director, USAF Center for Strategic Deterrence Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

CIVILIAN

21. January 2005 – July 2006, Evaluations Branch, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, AL
22. July 2006 – November 2006, Senior Instructional Designer, SDS, International
23. January 2007 – March 2009, Evaluations Specialist, Spaatz Center, Maxwell AFB, AL
24. March 2009 – January 2017, Director of Mission Support, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, AL
25. January 2020 – Present, Director of Mission Support, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

MAJOR AWARDS AND HONORS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with three oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Registered Professional Engineer
Reserve Officer Association

(Current as of Nov 2021)