



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIMONE SHEN

Lieutenant Colonel Simone Shen is currently serving as the Director of Air Force Programs, Office of Defense Cooperation in New Delhi, India. She is responsible for implementing U.S. defense and security policies vis-à-vis Indian Air Force and is currently responsible for \$11.6B in active and potential Foreign Military Sales cases.

Lieutenant Colonel Shen is a 2006 Distinguished Graduate of the University of Colorado's ROTC program. She has served in a variety of Science and Technology positions in support of Air Operations Centers, Electronic Warfare Platforms, and Special Operations Task Force. Lt Col Shen has also served as a Lead Intelligence Analyst for Air Force Research Laboratories. Prior to her current position, Lieutenant Colonel Shen served as Program Manager in support of the premier Air Force IT modernization effort, as well as cyber defense analytics. As Program Manager, she led multi-functional teams to deliver cyber capabilities to meet critical Air Force cyber defense and network operations needs.



Lt Col Shen has been certified as a Level 3 in Science and Technology Management and Level 2 in Program Management by Defense Acquisition University. In her previous Foreign Area Officer tour, Lieutenant Colonel Shen served as the Country Director for NE Asia, with a focus on China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, for Pacific Air Forces' Directorate of Strategy, Plans, and Programs. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and graduated from Defense Language Institute in Hindi.

EDUCATION

2006 Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
2010 Master's degree in International Relations, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX.
2012 Squadron Officer School, in-residence
2017 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2019 Foreign Area Officer Fellowship, in-residence
2021 Defense Language Institute - Washington

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2006 – November 2006, Student, Expeditionary Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS
2. November 2006 – November 2007, Officer in Charge, Command and Control Systems, 607th Air and Communications Squadron, Osan AB, ROK

3. November 2007 – May 2009, Electronic Warfare Engineer, 453d Electronic Warfare Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX (May 2009 – November 2009, Officer in Charge, Tactical Local Area Network, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula, Camp Syverson, Iraq)
4. November 2009 – August 2011, Chief, Information Technology Operations, 453d Electronic Warfare Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
5. August 2011 – May 2014, Team Lead, Intelligence Analysis, Air Force Research Laboratories, Kirtland AFB, NM (April 2013 – October 2013, Deputy Chief of Staff – Transitions, NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, Camp Eggers, Afghanistan)
6. May 2014 – July 2017, Country Director, NE Asia, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, HI
7. July 2017 – December 2017, PM, Cyber Sustainment, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
8. December 2017 – December 2018, PM, Enterprise Logging and Cyber Operations Based Rapid Analytics, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
9. December 2018 – April 2020, PM, Network as a Service, Enterprise IT as a Service, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center, Hanscom AFB, MA
10. April 2020 – July 2021, Hindi Student, Defense Language Institute – Washington D.C.
11. July 2021 – Present, Director of Air Force Programs, Office of Defense Cooperation, New Delhi, India

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2021 – July 2023, Director of Air Force Programs, Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, India, as a lieutenant colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 12, 2006

First Lieutenant June 27, 2008

Captain June 27, 2010

Major October 1, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2021

(Current as of June 2023)