



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL LAWRENCE G. AVERY, JR.

Colonel Larry Avery is the Director, Security Assistance Office-Afghanistan in Kabul. He is responsible for oversight and execution of the \$20 billion Foreign Military Sales program used to train and equip the 305,600-person Afghan National Security Forces.

Colonel Avery earned his commission and electrical engineering degree from the Virginia Military Institute in 1980. He has commanded a detachment, a squadron, a joint test force, and group.

Colonel Avery is a member of the Acquisition Corps and has been awarded Level III acquisition professional certifications in Program Management, Test and Evaluation, and Developmental Engineering. He also holds International Affairs professional certification at Level III. Colonel Avery is a master non-rated officer aircrew member with over 1,500 flight hours.

Prior to his current position, Colonel Avery was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq for 17 months where he was responsible for helping rebuild Iraq's 597,000-person Military and Police forces and was instrumental in growing the Iraq foreign military sales program from 1.5 to 10.1 billion dollars.



#### EDUCATION

- 1980, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.
- 1985, Squadron Officer School, in Residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1991, Master of Business Administration, Saint Martin's College, Lacey, Wash.
- 1993, Air Command and Staff College, by Seminar
- 1994, Program Management Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- 1999, Air War College, by Seminar
- 2004, Air War College, in Residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2004, Master of Strategic Studies (w/Academic Distinction), Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1980, Instructor of Electrical Engineering, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.
2. 1981-1984, Telemetry Systems Development Engineer, 4950th Test Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
3. 1984-1985, Deputy Chief, Technical Operations Branch, 4950th Test Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
4. 1985-1986, E-3 Test Director, Airborne Warning and Control System Program Office, E-3 Joint Test Force, The Boeing Company, Seattle, Wash.
5. 1986-1989, Chief, E-3 Test Division, Airborne Warning and Control System Program Office, E-3 Joint Test Force, The Boeing Company, Seattle, Wash.
6. 1989-1991, Chief, Tactical Command, Control, and Communications System Development, Directorate of Technology and Requirements Planning, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md.

7. 1991-1992, Manager, Advanced Technology Programs, Directorate of Science and Technology, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md.
8. 1992-1993, Program Mgr, Low Observables/Survivability, A-X Advanced Medium Attack Aircraft Program Office, Naval Air Systems Command, Crystal City, Va.
9. 1993-1995, Air Force IG Inspector, Acquisition Team, Air Force Inspection Agency, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
10. 1995-1996, Executive to the Commander, Air Force Inspection Agency, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
11. 1996-1998, Operations Officer, 46th Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
12. 1999, Deputy Director, Plans and Programs, 46th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
13. 1999-2001, Commander, 46th Operations Support Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
14. 2001-2002, Deputy Commander, 46th Operations Group, Eglin AFB, Fla.
15. 2002-2003, AFMC Commander's Representative to ACC, Langley AFB, Va.
16. 2003-2004, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. 2004-2005, Commander, Joint STARS Joint Test Force, Melbourne, Fla.
18. 2005-2007, Commander, 555th International Grp, AF Security Assistance Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
19. 2007-2009, Deputy Director and Air Force Program Chief, Security Assistance Office, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq
20. 2009-2010, Chief of Staff, Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.
21. 2010-Pres, Director, Security Assistance Office, Afghanistan, NATO Training Mission- Afghanistan/Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Master Non-rated Officer Aircrew

Flight Hours: 1510 total, 69 combat

Aircraft: EC-135, EC-18, F-4, E-3, KE-3, NE-3, C-17, C-130, UH-1, AC-130, MC-130, MH-53, E-8

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Navy Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star device

Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze star device

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with two bronze star devices

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, 16 May 1980

First Lieutenant, 16 November 1982

Captain, 16 November 1984

Major, 1 February 1993

Lieutenant Colonel, 1 November 1997

Colonel, 1 March 2003

Current as of 1 Aug 2010