BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL TRAVIS K. LEIGHTON

Colonel Travis K. Leighton is the Director of the Tyndall Air Force Base Reconstruction Program Management Office. He leads an organization supporting a $3.5 billion, multi-year planning, programming, design, and construction effort to rebuild Tyndall following Hurricane Michael in 2018 and to beddown fifth generation fighter aircraft.

Colonel Leighton previously commanded the 65th Air Base Group, Lajes, Portugal; the 821st Support Squadron, Thule AB, Greenland; and the 90th Civil Engineer Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming. He has also served in a variety of staff positions including two Major Commands, Headquarters Air Force, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Colonel Leighton's deployments include support to Exercise NEW HORIZONS, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

1995 B.S., Civil Engineering, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL

2000 M.S., Engineering and Environmental Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, OH

2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

2012 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1996 – August 1998, Civil Engineer, then Chief of Construction Management, 28th Civil Engineer Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, SD
2. August 1998 – April 2000, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
3. April 2000 – June 2003, Chief of Maintenance Engineering, then Readiness Flight Chief, 341st Civil Engineer Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, MT
4. June 2003 – March 2005, Chief of ESOH Compliance Assessments, Civil Engineer Directorate, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX
5. March 2006 – July 2006, Chief of Civil Engineer Inspections, Inspector General, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX
6. July 2006 – July 2008, Engineering Flight Chief, then Operations Flight Chief, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, Lajes Field, Portugal
7. July 2008 – July 2009, Housing Management Team Lead, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, VA
8. July 2009 – July 2010, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

9. July 2010 – July 2011, Commander, 821st Support Squadron, Thule AB, Greenland
10. July 2011 – July 2013, Commander, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
11. July 2013 – May 2015, Operations Support Branch Chief, then Readiness and Emergency Management Branch Chief, A4/7, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, CO
12. May 2015 – June 2016, Executive Officer to the Executive Director, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson, AFB, CO
13. May 2016 – August 2018, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for ESOH, Pentagon, VA
14. August 2018 – August 2019, Commander, 65th Air Base Group, Lajes Field, Portugal
15. September 2019 – Present, Director, Tyndall Program Management Office, Tyndall AFB, FL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with six devices
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit
Air Force Outstanding Unit with Valor Device

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Registered Professional Engineer, State of Montana

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Colonel June 1, 2017

(Current as of September 2019)