



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL CARINA R. HARRISON

Colonel Carina R. Harrison is the Commander, 65th Air Base Group, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal. The Group is composed of four squadrons supporting combatant commanders worldwide. She leads over 1,200 men and women at two installations, Lajes Field, Portugal and Morón Air Base, Spain, managing resources valued at \$ 4.4 billion. The Group provides power projection platforms for US and Allied air operations by maintaining combat support and global command and control capabilities. Additionally, Colonel Harrison serves as the installation commander for US Forces at Lajes Field, fulfilling the duties of the Commander, US Forces Azores in accordance with US and Portuguese bilateral agreements.

Colonel Harrison was born in Montgomery, Alabama at Maxwell AFB Hospital. She entered the Air Force in May 2001 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program at Alabama State University after graduating from Auburn University in Montgomery, Alabama. Most recently, she served as the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Force Management Integration. A two time graduated squadron commander, she has held numerous positions at the squadron, wing, major command, and headquarters level. She deployed as the Joint Manpower and Personnel Director for the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and NEW DAWN.



### EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Science Degree, Biology, Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama  
2002 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
2006 Masters of Human Resource Management, Touro University, California  
2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2011 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence  
2014 Masters in Advanced Military Studies, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2019 Air War College, Correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2002 – August 2002, Deputy Chief, Relocations & Employment, 15 MSS, Hickam AFB, HI
2. August 2002 – July 2003, Squadron Section Commander, 15 CS, Hickam AFB, HI
3. July 2003 – January 2005, Squadron Section Commander, 15 CES, Hickam AFB, HI
4. January 2005 – January 2006, Chief, Cadet Programs & Policies, AFOATS, Maxwell AFB, AL
5. January 2006 – November 2006, Executive Officer, Holm Center, Maxwell AFB, AL
6. November 2006 – June 2007, Chief, Mission Support Division, Holm Center, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. June 2007 – August 2008, Action Officer, CC's Action Group, Holm Center, Maxwell AFB, AL
8. August 2008 – July 2010, Flight Commander, Manpower & Personnel, 39 FSS, Incirlik AB, Turkey
9. July 2010 – June 2012, Chief, Promotions & Command Records, Personnel Division, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX
10. June 2012 – August 2013, Chief, Senior Officer Assignments, Personnel Division, Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX

11. August 2013 – June 2014, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. July 2014 – September 2015, Operations Officer, 6 FSS, MacDill AFB, FL
13. September 2015 – July 2016, Commander, 6 FSS, MacDill AFB, FL
14. July 2016 – July 2018, Commander, 100 FSS, RAF Mildenhall, England
15. July 2018- June 2019, Executive Assistant, Force Support & Family Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
16. June 2019 – July 2020, Deputy Director, Airmen & Family Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
17. July 2020 – October 2021, Deputy Chair, Personnel and Training Panel, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
18. October 2021 – July 2023, Chief, Budget Development, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
19. July 2023 – July 2024, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Force Management Integration, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the Pentagon, Arlington, VA
20. July 2024 – present, Commander, 65 ABG, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air and Space Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster  
National Defense Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 21, 2001  
First Lieutenant May 21, 2003  
Captain May 21, 2005  
Major January 1, 2011  
Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2016  
Colonel, 1 July 2023

(Current as of July 2024)