



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARY GAYLE GOLDEN

Lt Col Mary Gayle Golden is a CAT B Individual Mobilization Augmentee supporting the Staff Judge Advocate's office, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota – the largest B-1B Lancer combat wing the U.S. Air Force, providing combat ready aircraft and support for global engagement taskings. Lt Col Golden serves as the IMA to the SJA, delivering comprehensive legal services to the 28 BW Commander, four groups, fifteen squadrons, as well as the 89th Attack Squadron, responsible for employing MQ-9 Reaper aircraft in support of worldwide combatant commander requirements.

Lt Col Golden received a direct commission as an Air Force judge advocate in 2002 following admittance to the Texas State Bar. She received her Juris Doctor Degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas.



EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC
- 2001 Juris Doctor, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
- 2002 Commissioned Officer Training, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2002 Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2007 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2013 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2019 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS (ACTIVE DUTY and RESERVE)

1. August 2002 - April 2005, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Claims, Legal Assistance and Preventive Law, Labor Law, and Adverse Actions), 4th FW, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
2. May 2005 - May 2009, IMA Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 90th MW, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
3. May 2009 – March 2017, IMA Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and Reserve Coordinator, 87th ABW, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
4. October 2011 – September 2012, Disability Defense Attorney, Office of Airmen's Counsel, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX
5. March 2015 – October 2015, Acting Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 87th ABW, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
6. March 2017 – June 2021, IMA Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and Reserve Coordinator, 18th AF, Scott AFB, IL
7. June 2021 – August 2022, IMA to the SJA, 90th Missile Wing, Francis E. Warren AFB, WY
8. August 2022 – Current, IMA to the SJA, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf cluster
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
2015 Air Mobility Command Outstanding Air Reserve Component Judge Advocate
2019 18th Air Force Outstanding Air Reserve Component Judge Advocate

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	2 July 2002
Captain	25 February 2003
Major	25 February 2010
Lt Col	25 February 2017

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MRS. MARY GAYLE GOLDEN

Mrs. Mary Gayle Golden is an attorney advisor, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Twentieth Air Force, FE Warren AFB, Wyoming. She provides professional legal support for the full range of issues arising in the areas of civil law, ethics, administrative and operational law. Twentieth Air Force provides three intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) wings and one nuclear support wing to U.S. Air Force Global Strike Command, therein ensuring nuclear global strike capabilities and nuclear weapons sustainment for the U.S. Air Force.

In her Reserve capacity, Lt Col Golden is an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) supporting the 28 BW/JA, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, as the IMA to the SJA.



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8. August 2022 – Present, IMA to the SJA, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD
9. April 2022 – Present, Civilian Attorney Advisor, 20th Air Force, Francis E. Warren AFB, WY

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Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
20th Air Force Civilian Cat II of First Quarter 2023

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