

HOTEL CO TAC Officer

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SHAWN M. SWARZ

United States Air Force



Lieutenant Colonel Shawn M. Swarz is the 2nd Battalion Hotel Company TAC Officer. Presently, he is assigned to Headquarters U.S. European Command in Stuttgart Germany as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) in the J34 Antiterrorism Division. His previous assignments include Deputy Group Commander 916th Mission Support Group Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. Commander 452nd Security Forces Squadron March ARB, CA. Action Officer assigned to the Pentagon (IMA) HAF A4/S. Commander 315th Security Forces Squadron Joint Base Charleston, SC and Chief, Security Forces Resources and Training 439th Security Forces Squadron Westover ARB, MA. In 2001 he was activated and deployed to Masirah Island Air Base, Oman in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2002 he deployed again to Oman in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2005 he deployed to HQ U.S. European Command Stuttgart Germany in support of the ongoing contingency operations assigned to the Special Staff. Other deployments include Antiterrorism/Force Protection Officer 506th Air Expeditionary Group Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq (2007). U.S. Embassy (Dublin) Liaison Officer assigned to the Shannon Airport in Ireland (2008). Operations Officer 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Group Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan (2012).

Lieutenant Colonel Swarz began his military career by enlisting in the U.S. Army in July of 1985 where he attended Basic Training and One Station Unit Training at Ft. McClellan, AL. He was first assigned to the 127th Military Police Company Hanau, Germany (1985-1988). Upon completion of Active Duty in April of 1988, he joined the Connecticut Army National Guard in the 143rd Military Police Company Hartford, CT. During his 10 years in that unit, he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant serving on a deployment to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation DESERT STORM, a tour in Panama, and active duty as a Recruiter for the CT Army National Guard. In 1998 he transitioned to the U.S. Air Force Reserve and was commissioned through the Academy of Military Science.

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

Trooper First Class Swarz was a Trooper with the Connecticut State Police from May 1994 to July 2014 when he retired after 20 years of honorable service. During this period, he had been assigned to various positions and has held special duties as a Patrol Dog K9 handler, which he has had several finds of missing persons, apprehension of criminals, and search and rescue operations. He and his K9 partner deployed to the World Trade Center at ground zero on September 11, 2001 and searched for 9 straight days. He has also had the opportunity to work in local schools as a School Resource Officer and has been a Field Training Officer for over 15 years. Trooper Swarz was also a designated Rifleman for his Troop area. He graduated from the National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program. This afforded Trooper First Class Swarz the opportunity to handle another dog, this time an Explosive Detection K9 assigned to Bradley International Airport.

Lt Col Swarz is married to Michaela and are both graduates from the University of Connecticut. They have two sons that are living at home. One is a 2021 graduate from the University of South Carolina and the other is a Senior in High School.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant – June 1999

First Lieutenant – June 2001

Captain – June 2003

Major – April 2008

Lieutenant Colonel – April 2015