



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CARRIE A. WORRELL

currently serves as the Chief of Staff, Colorado National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters, Centennial, Colorado. In this role, Colonel Worrell is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the Joint Staff, ensuring effective coordination across Army and Air components, and advising The Adjutant General on matters affecting readiness, personnel, and organizational policy. She provides strategic leadership for over 5,500 Colorado National Guard members and civilians, ensuring mission success across state and federal operations.

Col Worrell entered the Air Force upon graduation from the Air Force Academy in May 1997. Her first assignment on active duty was at Vandenberg Air Force Base where she served as a Hospital Administrator and Director of Information Systems. In 1998, she became the Deputy Chief Information Officer at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews AFB, Maryland. In 2002, she was assigned to the Tricare Management Activity as the Director, Purchased Care System. Upon completion of her active-duty tour in 2006, Col Worrell became an Individual Mobilization Augmentee in the United States Air Force Reserves to the 460th Medical Group on Buckley Air Force Base. From there she transitioned to the 310th Aerospace Medicine Flight as the Medical Readiness Officer. She then left the Reserves in 2012 and joined the Colorado Air National Guard, where she serves today. Her initial role in the COANG was lead Hospital Administrator and Medical Support Squadron Commander for the 140th Medical Group as a traditional Guardsman and a GS-15 for the Department of Labor. In 2018, she was then asked to join the COANG on a full-time basis as the Group Commander/Medical Administrator for the 140th Medical Group. From there, she was selected as the 140th Mission Support Group Commander where she led 417 personnel in providing all personnel, communications, civil engineering, logistics, contracting and flight line security operations in support of the 140th Wing's mission and 1600+ members. After leaving Command, she was hand-selected by The Adjutant General to stand up the Colorado National Guard's (CONG) first ever Joint Resiliency Directorate (J9), Joint Forces Headquarters, Centennial, Colorado. For the first time in CONG history, the J9 provided one stop for Colorado National Guard members, civilians, and their families (approx. 8500+ personnel) to access prevention, response, and readiness services from one location. Colonel Worrell then served as the Deputy Wing Commander, 140th Wing, Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley SFB, Aurora, Colorado, where she assisted with the effective management of over 1600 personnel supporting an F-16C+ fighter mission (Air Combat Command), a Mobile Ground System missile warning mission (Air Force Space Command), and a Civil Engineering mission (Pacific Air Forces). In a historic first for the Colorado Air National Guard, Colonel Worrell was designated as the first non-rated Acting, Wing Commander in March 2025, a distinction unmatched in the Wing's 102-year legacy. Over the course of seven months, she provided steadfast leadership and command continuity for one of the Guard's premier fighter wings while the Wing Commander was forward deployed in support of national defense objectives.



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Management, United States Air Force Academy 1997
Master of Science, Technology Management, University of Maryland – University College, 2002
Squadron Officer School, via correspondence 2003
Air Command and Staff College, via correspondence 2009
Air War College, via correspondence 2019
Dual Status Commander Course; 2025

ASSIGNMENTS

July 1997- August 1998, Chief Information Officer (CIO), 30th MDG, Vandenberg AFB, Cali.
August 1998 – January 2002, Deputy CIO, Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews AFB, Maryland.
January 2002 – June 2006, Director, Purchased Care Ops, TRICARE Management Activity, Colo. June
2007 – August 2011, Individual Mobilization Augmentee, 460th MDG, Buckley AFB, Colo. August
2011 – August 2012; Medical Readiness Officer; 310th AMDF Buckley AFB, Colo.
August 2012 – October 2018; MDSS Commander, 140th MDG, Buckley AFB, Colo.
November 2018 – June 2020; Medical Group Commander, 140th MDG, Buckley AFB, Colo.
June 2020 – November 2022; Mission Support Group Commander, 140th MDG, Buckley SFB, Colo.
November 2022 – May 2023; Director, Joint Resiliency (J9), Joint Forces HQ, Centennial, Colo.
May 2023 – March 2025; Deputy Wing Commander, 140th Wing, Buckley SFB, Colo.
March 2025 – November 2025; Acting Wing Commander, 140th Wing, Buckley SFB, Colo.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal, 3 devices
Air and Space Commendation Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal, 3 devices
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, 4 devices
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
Air Force Recognition Ribbon
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
AF Longevity Service, 5 devices
AF Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

2nd Lieutenant – May 1997
1st Lieutenant – May 1999
Captain – May 2001
Major – May 2008
Lieutenant Colonel – August 2013
Colonel – February 2021

(CURRENT AS OF DEC 2025)