



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MR. DAVID E. SHAHADY

Mr. David E. Shahady, member of the government civilian corps, is the Deputy Director of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Digital Capabilities Directorate. He is responsible for leading AFRL's digital transformation to measurably accelerate the generation and delivery of adoption-ready science and technology through faster research, better decisions, streamlined transition, and low friction business operations.

Mr. Shahady began his career as an active-duty officer supporting air combat training, robotics, anti-terrorism, explosive ordnance disposal, and airbase automation. In 2004, he entered federal civil service as a technology development engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory. He has held numerous engineering and acquisition program management positions including the Deputy of Innovation and Rapid Reaction, Branch Chief of Intelligence Analyst Augmentation, and Director of the Air Force Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Program.

David Shahady is also a colonel (retired) in the Air Force Reserves and was assigned as the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer to the State of Ohio for Air Combat Command, Air Force North, National Security and Emergency Preparedness.



EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor's Mechanical Engineering, University of Dayton, Dayton, Oh.

1998 Squadron Officer's School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 Master's Science, Research & Development Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Dayton, Oh.

2011 Air Command and Staff College (DL), Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2016 Air War College (DL), Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. January 1994 - April 1997, Program Manager, Training Systems Product Group, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
2. August 1997 - April 1999, Executive Officer, Materials and Manufacturing Tech Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
3. April 1999 - August 2001, Team Leader, Robotics and Explosive Research Group, Materials and Manufacturing Technology Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Tyndall AFB, Fl.
4. August 2001 - September 2004, Chief, Collaborative Technologies and Solutions Group, Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation, Fairborn, Oh.
5. September 2004-April 2008, Senior Plans and Programs Engineer, Plans and Programs Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
6. April 2008-January 2011, Deputy, AFRL Innovation and Rapid Reaction, Sensors Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
7. January 2011-October 2015, Chief, Human Analyst Augmentation Branch, 711th Human Performance Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
8. October 2015-October 2020, Director, Air Force Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, Air Force SBIR/STTR Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
9. October 2020-March 2023, Digital Transformation Program Manager, Research Collaboration and Computing Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.
10. March 2023-Present, Acting Director/Chief Operating Officer, Digital Capabilities Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.

AWARDS AND HONORS,

2023 AF Meritorious Civilian Service Award

2020 AF Small Business Innovative Research Award – Air Force Small Business

2019 David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award – Department of Defense

2019 Small Business Champion of the Year – Small Business Technology Council (SBTC)

2012 Senior Leader of the Year – Human Effectiveness Directorate

2011 AFRL Commander’s Challenge Winner (Mentor) – Air Force Research Laboratory

2009 Division Leadership Achievement Award of the Quarter – Sensor Directorate

1996 Director’s Award – Training System Product Group

1995 Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award – Air Force Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Air Force Association

Member, AFIT Chapter of *Sigma Iota Epsilon* Management Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Test and Evaluation, Level I

Program Management, Level II

Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering, Level III

(Current as of June 2024)