

Lt Col Christopher Arendt

Lt Col Christopher Arendt, USAF, Ph.D., is the Director of Data Services for the Department of the Air Force Chief Data Office (SAF/CO), Washington, D.C. As Director of Data Services, Lt Col Arendt coordinates and champions data enterprise standardization and modernization efforts across the Department of the Air Force (DAF).



Prior to his assignment to the Chief Data Office, Lt Col Christopher D. Arendt served as the Special Assistant to the Director for Advanced Analytics, Headquarters Air Force Studies, Analyses and Assessments (HAF/A9), Washington, D.C. In this capacity, Lt Col Arendt supported the Director of HAF/A9 to develop Air Force analysis strategies and advised MAJCOM, Air Staff and functional communities on their implementation. Lt Col Arendt helped establish Air Force Analytic Community skills and training goals, leveraging industry best practices for Air Force operations.

Lt Col Arendt entered the Air Force in 2004 as a graduate of Officer Training School. He has served as operational systems analyst for Special Access Programs at the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center and as Chief of the Plans and Budget Branch of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Prior to his current position, Lt Col Arendt served as the Program Element Monitor for Air Force Basic Research, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

- 2003 Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2009 Master of Science degree in operations research, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2014 Doctor of Philosophy degree in operations research, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 2016 Air Command and Staff College, correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2004 - August 2007, Deputy Chief, Special Access Programs Effectiveness Branch, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland AFB, NM
2. August 2007 - March 2009, Masters student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
3. March 2009 - August 2011, Chief, Logistics Analysis Branch, Air Force Logistics Management Agency, Maxwell AFB, AL

4. August 2011 - September 2014, Doctoral student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
5. September 2014 - July 2016, Chief, Plans and Budget Branch, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Arlington, VA (Chief, Campaign Assessment Branch, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Central Command)
6. July 2016 – May 2017, Air Force Basic Research Program Element Monitor, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Science, Technology & Engineering), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
7. May 2017 – June 2019, Special Assistant to the Director for Advanced Analytics, Headquarters Air Force Studies, Analyses and Assessments, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. June 2019 - Present, Deputy Director of Operations, Chief Data Office, Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Meritorious Service Medal - 2018
- Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster - 2017, 2019
- Joint Service Commendation Medal - 2016
- Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster - 2007, 2011
- CGO of the Quarter: (AFOTEC/ST) - 2005; (HAF/A4I) - 2010; (HAF/A4/7) - 2011

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Acquisition Professional in Test and Evaluation, Level II certified
- Acquisition Professional in Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering, Level II certified
- Acquisition Professional in Life Cycle Logistics, Level I certified
- Acquisition Professional in Program Management, Level I certified