



BRIGADIER GENERAL SELECT ROBERT S. SPALDING III

Brig Gen (Sel) Rob Spalding is the Chief, China, Mongolia, Taiwan Division, Deputy Directorate for Politico-Military Affairs – Asia, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. As Division Chief, he directs activities and operations to develop planning guidance for Unified Commanders, prepares Joint Staff/DoD positions on National Security Council matters, and develops informal and formal briefings dealing with major national and international policy matters for use by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Brig Gen (Sel) Spalding received his commission through Fresno State University's Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1991. He is an Air Force Command Pilot with more than 2,300 hours flight time in two major weapons systems; B-2 Spirit and B-52 Stratofortress. His prior tours include Command of the 509th Operations Group where he launched B-2s in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn, and Military Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs at the Pentagon. During the Iraq surge in 2007, he deployed and directed the Personal Security Coordination Center, and was responsible for security of the top five leaders in Iraq.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Air Force Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY.

Brig Gen (Sel) Spalding speaks Chinese-Mandarin and Spanish.

EDUCATION

1987 Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural business, Fresno State University, CA.
1993 Master of Science degree in agricultural business, Fresno State University, CA.
1998 Marine Corps University Amphibious Warfare Course (Correspondence).
1999 Squadron Officer School (Distinguished Graduate), Maxwell AFB, AL.
2001 Defense Language Institute Chinese-Mandarin Course (Distinguished Graduate), Monterey, CA.
2003 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence).
2006 Air War College (Correspondence).
2007 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
2007 PhD economics and mathematics, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO.
2008 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
2008 Masters of Science degree in strategic studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL.
2013 Graduate Certificate, Nuclear Weapons Effects, Policy & Proliferation, Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), Wright-Patterson AFB, OH.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Mar 1992 - Aug 1993, Officer in Charge, Strategic Plans, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, CO.
2. Aug 1993 - Sep 1994, Student Pilot, 87th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, TX.
3. Nov 1994 - May 1995, B-52 Upgrade Training, 11th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
4. Jun 1995 - May 1998, B-52 Pilot and Aircraft Commander, 23rd Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, ND.
5. May 1998 - May 2001, T-38 and B-2 Pilot, Wing Life Support Officer, Conventional Strike Officer, and Chief of Training, 325th Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB, MO.
6. Jun 2001 - Jun 2002, Chinese-Mandarin Student, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA.
7. Jul 2002 - Apr 2004, Olmsted Scholar, Tongji University, Shanghai, PRC.
8. Apr 2004 - Jun 2006, B-2 Instructor/Evaluator Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, 393rd Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB, MO.
9. Jun 2006 - Jul 2007, Military Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs Office, Pentagon, Washington, DC.
10. Aug 2007 - Jan 2008, Director, Personal Security Coordination Center, MNF-I, Baghdad, Iraq.
11. Jan 2008 - Jun 2008, Deputy Director Strategic Plans and Initiatives Directorate, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs Office, Pentagon, Washington, DC.
12. Jul 2008 - Jun 2009, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
13. Jun 2009 - Jun 2010, Chief of Safety, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, MO.
14. Jun 2010 - Mar 2011, Deputy Commander, 509th Operations Group, Whiteman AFB, MO.
15. Mar 2011 - Apr 2012, Commander, 509th Operations Group, Whiteman AFB, MO.
16. Apr 2012 - Jun 2013, Vice Commander 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, MO.
17. Jul 2013 - Jun 2014, Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY.
18. Jul 2014 - Present, Chief, China, Mongolia, Taiwan Division, Joint Staff, J-5 Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,300

Aircraft flown: B-2, B-52, T-38 and T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

PUBLICATIONS:

"A Micromovement Model with Bayes Estimation via Filtering: Application to Measuring Trading Noises and Trading Cost (co-author)," *Nonlinear Analysis: Theory, Methods and Applications*, 2006
"Businessmen's Risk Perception in China following the 1999 Chinese Embassy bombing and the 2001 EP-3 Incident," doctoral dissertation, Proquest Dissertations, 2007

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Oct 16, 1991

First Lieutenant Oct 16, 1993

Captain Oct 16, 1995

Major Aug 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Mar 1, 2006

Colonel Aug 1, 2011

Current as of Dec 2015