



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SECOND LIEUTENANT RACHEL “JANELE” SHARP

2d Lt Janele Sharp is currently assigned as the Medical Administrative Officer (MAO) at the 117th Medical Group, Sumpter Smith Joint National Guard Base, Birmingham, Alabama. She is responsible for the overall management of medical support for the 117th Air Refueling Wing and the medical readiness of over 1,000 assigned military personnel for worldwide deployment. Lt Sharp ensures the 117th Medical Group is organized, trained, and equipped to support the federal mission of global expeditionary medical operations and state mission of medical response for homeland security.

Lt Sharp began her military career in the Air National Guard in April 2012 by enlisting as an in-flight refueling specialist (boom operator) and earned her wings flying missions aboard the KC-135R/T while assigned to the 106th Air Refueling Squadron. After completing master's degrees in Business Administration and Public Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, she received a direct commission to Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps in September 2019. Subsequently, Lt Sharp completed Officer Training School (OTS) at Maxwell AFB, Alabama and Health Services Administration School at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA), Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Throughout her career, Lt Sharp has deployed several times in support of operations ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and NOBEL EAGLE, and has flown in 58 combat sorties as a regular crew member. Lt Sharp has served in the Air National Guard for a total of 9 years and has worked as a full-time dual status technician since 2019.



Prior to her current military assignment, the Lieutenant was employed as a clinical nutritionist at a major academic medical center in Birmingham, Alabama.

EDUCATION

2008 Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science and Wellness, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala.
2014 Enlisted Aircrew Undergraduate Course and Basic Boom Operator Course, JBSA, Lackland AFB, Texas
2014 Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape (SERE SV-80-A) and Water Survival Course, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
2014 KC-135 Initial Boom Qualification Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
2015 Airman Leadership School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2017 Associates in Applied Science, Aviation Operations, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2017 Master of Public Health, Healthcare Organization and Policy/Preparedness Management, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Ala.
2017 Graduate Certificate, Global Health Studies, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Ala.
2019 Master of Business Administration, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Ala.
2019 Medical Readiness University, McGhee Tyson Training and Education Center (TEC), Knoxville, Tenn.
2020 Officer Training School (OTS), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2020 Health Services Administration School, JBSA, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2012 – August 2019, In-flight Refueling Specialist, 106th Air Refueling Squadron, 117th Air Refueling Wing Sumpter Smith Joint National Guard Base, Birmingham, Ala.
2. December 2015 – Feb 2015 (deployed), In-flight Refueling Specialist, 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
3. August 2015 – September 2015 (deployed), In-flight Refueling Specialist, 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, 36th Wing, Anderson AFB, Guam
4. May 2016 – June 2016 (deployed), In-flight Refueling Specialist, 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
5. August 2016 – September 2016, In-flight Refueling Specialist, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall, England
6. August 2017 – November 2017 (deployed), In-flight Refueling Specialist, 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
7. September 2019 – Present, Health Services Administrator/Medical Administrative Officer, 117th Medical Group, 117th Air Refueling Wing Sumpter Smith Joint National Guard Base, Birmingham, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Basic Enlisted Aircrew

Flight hours: 1,000.4; combat: more than 400

Aircraft flown: KC-135R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border

Air Force Longevity Service with oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 'M' devices

Basic Military Training Honor Graduate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American College of Healthcare Executives

Member, National Guard Association of the United States

Member, National Guard Association of Alabama

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class, April 17, 2012

Senior Airman, April 20, 2015

Staff Sergeant, April 20, 2016

Technical Sergeant, July 15, 2019

Second Lieutenant, September 29, 2019

(Current as of March 2021)