



# BIOGRAPHY



## **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE** **COLONEL MICHAEL A. SINKS**

Colonel Michael A. Sinks is the Commander of the 844th Communications Group (844 CG), Joint Base Andrews, MD. The 844 CG provides communications-computer systems support to AFDW staff and associated organizations throughout the National Capital Region to include Headquarters United States Air Force, National Military Command Center, and global communications support for the Secretary of Defense, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Air Force Chief of Staff.

Colonel Sinks enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1984, and served as a law enforcement specialist for 12 years before receiving his commission in 1996 from the Air Force Officer Training School. He served at several operational tours to include commanding at the 23d Communications Squadron, Moody AFB, GA and at the 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. In addition, he served at several staff positions to include the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, and Air Staff.



### **EDUCATION**

1995 – Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information System Management, Colorado Christian University, Lakeland, Colorado  
2001 – Squadron Officer School in residence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
2006 – Master's degree in Computer Resource Management, University of Maryland, University College, Largo, MD  
2008 – Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
2016 – Eisenhower School, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 1984 – July 1988, Law Enforcement Specialist, Reports and Analysis Clerk, and Crime Prevention NCO, 1776 SPS, Andrews AFB, Maryland
2. July 1988 – July 1991, Law Enforcement Specialist, Crime Prevention NCO, and NCOIC Resources Protection, 20 SPS, and 20 SPG, RAF Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
3. July 1991 – January 1996, NCOIC Resources Protection, and NCOIC Supply and Equipment, 10 SPS, USAF Academy, Colorado
4. January 1996 – May 1996, student, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
5. June 1996 – June 2000, Database Administrator, OIC Database Administration, Y2K Project Officer, National Air and Space Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. June 2000 – June 2003, Information Systems Flight Commander, and Executive Officer, 436th CS, and 436th MSG, Dover AFB, Delaware
7. June 2003 – February 2006, Communications and Information Assignments Officer, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas
8. March 2006 – August 2007, Deputy Director, Support, and Director, Support, Air Force Officer and Accessions Training, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
9. August 2007 – June 2008, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
10. July 2008 – July 2010, Commander, 23d CS, Moody AFB, Georgia
11. July 2010 – July 2011, Action Officer, and Executive Assistant to the DJ6, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2011 – May 2012, Military Assistant to the DoD Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. May 2012 – May 2013, Commander, 455th ECS, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
14. June 2013 – August 2015, Chief Commander's Action Group, and Director of Staff, Air Force Chief Information Officer and Chief Information Dominance, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

15. August 2015 – June 2016, student, Eisenhower School, Ft McNair, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. June 2016 – May 2017, Chief, IT Service Operations Branch, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado
17. May 2017 – June 2018, Chief, IT and Mission Services Division, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado
18. Jun 2018 – Present, Commander, 844th Communications Group, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

July 2010 – July 2011, Action Officer, and Executive Assistant to the DJ6, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

July 2011 – May 2012, Military Assistant to the DoD Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

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#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 3, 1996

First Lieutenant May 3, 1998

Captain May 3, 2000

Major March 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2011

Colonel July 1, 2017

(Current as of July 2018)