MARK G. ALLEN, YC-03, USAF



Mr. Mark G. Allen assumed the duties as the Director of Security Forces for the Air Force District of Washington on 2 June 2008. In this position he is responsible for the organizing, training and equipping of Security Forces within the National Capitol Region. Mr Allen recently retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force effective 1 August 2008.

Prior to this assignment Col Allen served as the Director of Security Forces for the Air National Guard (ANG) since 1 May 2005. As the Director of Security Forces he was responsible for the organizing, training and equipping of ANG Security Forces in the 50 States and 3 Territories. Col Allen also served as the Deputy Director for Operations, National Guard Bureau Office of Legislative Liaison. This office was the primary conduit of information from the National Guard Bureau to members of Congress and their staffs, both personal and professional.

Mr. Allen has been a fulltime member of the Air National Guard since March 1988. He is a career Security Forces Officer and has enjoyed diverse assignments within the career field. Col Allen began his military career in July 1972 when he enlisted in the United States Army Security Agency. He served 13 years as an enlisted member of the active Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and Air National Guard prior to being commissioned in 1986. Officer Assignments include Squadron Commander, 175 Security Forces Squadron, Chief, Plans and Programs, Air National Guard Readiness Center, and Chief Security Forces Requirements Air Force Security Forces Center. In addition Colonel Allen has served assignments as Assistant Executive Officer to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, and as the Deputy Director for the J-3 Domestic Operations Directorate, National Guard Bureau. Prior to coming onto active duty Col Allen was a Police Officer with the Baltimore County Police Department where he rose to the rank of Detective Corporal.

EDUCATION:

1976 Associates of Arts in Police Administration, Catonsville Community College, Catonsville, MD
1980 Baltimore County Police Academy, Towson, MD Graduated 2nd in Class
1981 Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice, University Of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
1984 Masters of Science in Criminal Justice, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
1994 Squadron Office School In Residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
1997 Air Command and Staff College Seminar, Andrews AFB, MD
2003 Air War College Seminar, Lackland AFB, TX
2003 Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft McNair, Washington DC

2010 Air Force Civilian Leadership Course, Federal Executive Institute

OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1986 – December 1986, Student Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Knoxville, TN
2. December 1986 – December 1987, Executive Support Officer, 135 Airlift Squadron, MDANG, Baltimore, MD
3. December 1987- March 1988, Training Officer, 135 Airlift Wing, MDANG, Baltimore, MD
4. March 1988 – August 1992, August 1993 - October 1995, Commander 175 Security Forces Squadron, MDANG, Baltimore, MD
5. August 1992 – August 1993, Acting Chief, Air National Guard Security Forces Division, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews AFB, MD
6. October 1995 – March 1999, Chief, Security Forces Plans and Programs Division, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews AFB, MD
7. March 1999 – October 2000, Assistant Executive Officer to Chief, National Guard Bureau, National Guard Bureau, Washington, DC
8. October 2000 – July 2002, Chief of Security Forces Requirements Branch, AF Security Forces Center, Lackland AFB, TX
9. July 2002 – June 2003, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington DC
10. July 2003 – April 2004, Deputy Director, NGB-J3 Domestic Operations Directorate, National Guard Bureau, Washington DC
11. April 2004 – May 2005, Deputy Director for Operations, Office of Legislative Liaison, National Guard Bureau, Washington DC
12. May 2005 – May 2008, Director, ANG Security Forces, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews AFB, MD

CIVILIAN ASSIGNMENTS

13. June 2008 – Present, Director of Security Forces, Air Forces District of Washington, Andrews AFB, MD
14. March 2011 – September 2011, Deputy Provost Marshal, USFOR-A, Kabul, Afghanistan

Major Awards and Decorations:

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Maryland Commendation Medal
Joint Meritorious Service Medal
Small Arms Expert Ribbon
German Troop Proficiency Badge

Promotions:

2nd Lieutenant, 18 December 1986
1st Lieutenant, 13 January 1989
Captain, 9 January 1991
Major, 1 April 1996
Lieutenant Colonel, 24 May 2000
Colonel, 22 July 2004
(Current as of: June 2008)