



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JUSTIN K. COLLINS

Colonel Justin K. Collins is currently assigned as Senior Materiel Leader, Enterprise IT and Cloud Capabilities Division, Hanscom AFB, MA. He is responsible for developing, fielding and sustaining world-class cloud capabilities, and delivering best-of-breed commercial information technology services across all classification levels, for all domains to include the collaboration with joint and allied land, naval, air and space forces. His division develops commercial capabilities for voice, video and data networks for 850K+ worldwide joint and coalition warfighters 24/7. Col Collins' program responsibilities include day-to-day oversight and guidance for developing, producing, acquiring, testing, fielding, modernizing and sustaining enterprise IT and cloud capabilities for multiple DoD, joint and coalition warfighters.

Col Collins was commissioned in 1997 as a graduate from the United States Air Force Academy. He entered into the acquisition career field at Eglin AFB where he worked on several air-to-ground weapons programs. Col Collins then took a career broadening tour as an instructor for the Air Force's basic developmental education program for newly commissioned officers. Following the instructor tour, his acquisitions career resumed at Patrick AFB and then Hanscom AFB where he developed and delivered mission critical information technology programs. During this time he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and performed quality assurance duties in support of the \$7B LOGCAP contract. After receiving a Master's in Military Arts and Sciences from Air Command and Staff College, he was assigned to the Pentagon to serve as a program element monitor for critical combat identification and air traffic control systems, as well as the Chief of Acquisition Policy in the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Executive Action Group. Col Collins also served as the Commander of the 738th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron in Kabul Afghanistan where he advised the Afghan Air Force's efforts to develop an air university tasked with educating and training the next generation of Afghan Air Force officers. He also earned a second Master's Degree, in Strategic Studies from Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL. Over his 24 years of service, Col Collins has managed programs associated with weapons, national security, cyber, and information technology at the branch, squadron, and division levels. He holds a Level III certification in Program Management, Level I certification in Test and Evaluation, Level I certification in Acquisition Logistics and is a certified master instructor within Air Education and Training Command.



Prior to his current assignment, Col Collins was the Deputy, Enterprise IT and Cyber Infrastructure Division, C3I&N Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, AFMC, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. He is married to the former Heidi Waddell of Orlando, Florida and has two children; Jackson (20), and Jesse (18).

EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2000 Masters of Business Administration, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Fla.
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Masters of Military Arts and Sciences, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 The Program Managers Course (PMT 401), Defense Acquisition University, Ft Belvoir, Va.
- 2018 Masters of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997 - May 1999, Project Manager, Precision Strike Program Office, Eglin AFB, Fla.
2. June 1999 - May 2000, Executive Officer, Precision Strike Program Office, Eglin AFB, Fla.
3. June 2000 - June 2003, Flight Commander 37th Student Squadron, ASBC, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
4. June 2003 - December 2004, Program Manager, US National Data Center, AFTAC, Patrick AFB, Fla.
5. January 2005 - January 2006, Program Manager, SEALS Program, AFTAC, Patrick AFB, Fla.
6. February 2006 - June 2006, Quality Assurance Representative, Defence Contract Managemetn Agency, Fallujah, Iraq
7. July 2006 - June 2008, Program Manager, Global Combat Support System, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
8. July 2008 - June 2009, Flight Commander, 31st Student Squadron, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2009 - June 2010, Director of Operations, 33rd Student Squadron, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 2010 - June 2011, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. July 2011 - June 2013, Branch Chief, SAF/AQID, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2013 - August 2013, Executive Officer, SAF/AQI, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. September 2013 - August 2014, Commander, 738th AEAS, NATC-A, Kabul, Afghanistan
14. September 2014 - June 2015, Chief of Acquisition Policy, SecAF and CSAF EAG, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2015 - June 2017, Materiel Leader, Advanced Technologies, Special Programs Division, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
16. July 2017 - May 2018, Student, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. June 2018 – December 2020, Deputy, Enterprise IT & Cyber Infrastructure Division, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
18. January 2021 – Present, Senior Materiel Leader, Enterprise IT & Cloud Capabilities Division, Hanscom AFB, Mass.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 28 May 1997
First Lieutenant 28 May 1999
Captain 28 May 2001
Major 1 January 2007
Lieutenant Colonel 1 April 2012
Colonel 1 September 2018

(Current as of May 2021)