



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIRFORCE

COLONEL STEPHEN T. SANDERS

Colonel Stephen T. Sanders is the Vice Commander of the Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex, Alabama. He oversees enlisted professional military education delivered through sixty eight Airmen Leadership Schools, eleven Non-Commissioned Officer Academies, the Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, the Air Force First Sergeant Academy, the Air Force Chief Leadership Course, the Community College of the Air Force, the Air Force Career Development Academy and The Enlisted Heritage Research Institute, expanding the leadership capabilities of more than 400,000 Total Force enlisted Airmen.

Colonel Sanders received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1995 and has held a variety of leadership positions primarily in aircraft maintenance and logistics support. He has led multiple operational deployments in support of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM. Prior to his current position Colonel Sanders served as the Inspector General for Air University.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Bachelor of Science, USAFA, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 1998 Masters in Business Administration, University of West Florida
- 1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2013 Air War College (non-residence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 95 – May 97, Maintenance Flight OIC, 46th Maintenance Squadron, Eglin AFB FL
2. May 97 – Feb 98, Executive Officer, 46th Operation Group, Eglin AFB FL
3. Feb 98 – Aug 98, Sortie Generation Flight Commander, 39th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin AFB FL
4. Aug 98 – Aug 01, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 12, Birmingham AL
5. Aug 01 – May 02, Ops Flight Commander, 60th Logistics Support Squadron, Travis AFB CA
6. May 02 – Oct 02, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Travis AFB CA
7. Oct 02 – Sep 03, Sortie Generation Flight CC, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Sq, Travis AFB CA
8. Sep 03 – Jul 04, Maintenance Operations Officer, 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Travis AFB CA
9. Jul 04 – Jun 06, USAF Logistics Career Broadening Program, OC-ALC, Tinker AFB OK
10. Jun 06 – Jul 08, Commander, Maintenance Operation Squadron, Charleston AFB SC
11. Jul 08 – Jun 09, Student, Air Command Staff College, Maxwell AFB AL
12. Jun 09 – Jun 10, Maintenance Air Carrier Evaluator, HQ AMC/A3BS, Scott AFB IL
13. Jun 10 – Dec 11, Deputy Chief, DOD Commercial Airlift Division, HQ AMC/A3B, Scott AFB IL
14. Dec 11 – Dec 12, Commander, 802 Air Expeditionary Advisory Sq, FOB Shindand Afghanistan
15. Dec 12 – July 14, Deputy Chief, DOD Commercial Airlift Division, HQ AMC/A3B, Scott AFB IL
16. July 14 – July 16, Deputy Director of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Twelfth Air Force (Air Forces Southern), Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
17. Aug 16 – Jun 17, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 12, Birmingham AL
18. July 17 – Feb 18, Inspector General, Air University, Maxwell AFB AL
19. Mar 18 – present, Vice Commander, Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Unit Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award with 2 oak leaf clusters
AF Organizational Excellence Award
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
AF Overseas Ribbon Short
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
NATO Medal (ISAF)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	31 May 1995
First Lieutenant	31 May 1997
Captain	29 May 1999
Major	1 Sep 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	1 Aug 2010
Colonel	1 Oct 2016

(Current as of June 2019)