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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COLONEL G. HEATH ALLEN

Colonel G. Heath Allen is the 147th Mission Support Group Commander, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas. He leads more than 600 Airmen to provide full-spectrum mission support. He is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping combat-ready forces for rapid deployment in wartime missions in support of Joint Terminal Attack, MQ-9 Reaper, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, and Expeditionary Combat Support missions as well as domestic operations in times of state or national emergency. The 147th Mission Support Group is comprised of six squadrons and two flights, including the 147th Civil Engineer Squadron, 147th Communications Squadron, 147th Force Support Squadron, 147th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 147th Security Forces Squadron, 272d Engineering Installation Squadron, 147th Contracting Flight and 147th Recruiting and Retention Flight.

Colonel Allen enlisted in the Air Force as an F-16 Crew Chief in 1997. He graduated from the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tennessee in 2003, commissioning as 188th Wing Chief of Public Affairs. In this role, he was also the Arkansas National Guard Deputy State Public Affairs Officer in 2010 and deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, in 2010-2011 as Chief of Public Affairs, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing. Colonel Allen later served as 188th Wing Executive Officer for four years, functioning as lead Spokesperson, Protocol Officer, Legislative Liaison, and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. He commanded the 188th Security Forces Squadron for over six years, also serving as Defense Force Commander, Antiterrorism Officer, and Mission Assurance Coordinator. In this position, he was also the Arkansas National Guard Quick Reaction Force Commander, leading a joint domestic operations unit of 120 Airmen and Soldiers in civil disturbance response support to civilian law enforcement agencies. He later served as Deputy Chief, Operations and Training Division, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia, and Security Forces Liaison, National Guard Bureau, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. Prior to his current assignment, he was Deputy Chief, Director's Action Group, Office of the Director of the Air National Guard, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia. In this role, he led a team of nine strategists, developing and directing strategic engagement initiatives with Congressional audiences and Department of Defense senior leaders to meet National Defense Strategy objectives.



## EDUCATION

- 1998 Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice Course, Sheppard Air Force Base (AFB), Texas/Luke AFB, Ariz.
- 2001 Bachelor of Arts, English/Creative Writing, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.
- 2003 Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 2004 Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Md.
- 2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Level I Certification
- 2016 Department of Defense Threat Reduction Agency Mission Assurance Assessment Program Course, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- 2016 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2017 U.S. Air Force Security Forces Officer Course, Camp Bullis, Texas
- 2021 Master of Strategic Studies, United States Army War College, Carlisle, Penn.





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2022 Emergency Operations Center Director Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2023 National Guard Bureau Joint Planners Course, Herbert R. Temple Army National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, Va.

2024 Commander's Leadership Course, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1997 – February 2003, F-16 Crew Chief, 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ebbing Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Fort Smith, Ark.
2. February 2003 – June 2012, Chief of Public Affairs, 188th Fighter Wing, Ebbing ANGB, Fort Smith, Ark. (February 2010 – November 2010, Deputy State Public Affairs Officer, Arkansas National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs Office, Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Ark.) (December 2010 – June 2011, Chief of Public Affairs, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait)
3. June 2012 – June 2016, Wing Executive Officer and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, 188th Wing, Ebbing ANGB, Fort Smith, Ark.
4. June 2016 – September 2022, Commander, 188th Security Forces Squadron, Ebbing ANGB, Fort Smith, Ark.
5. October 2022 – March 2023, Deputy Chief, Operations and Training Division, Security Forces Directorate, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. / Security Forces Liaison, National Guard Bureau, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
6. March 2023 – May 2024, Strategic Analyst, Director's Action Group (DAG), Office of the Director of the Air National Guard (ODANG), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
7. June 2024 – November 2024, Deputy Chief, DAG, ODANG, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. November 2024 – Present, Commander, 147th Mission Support Group, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Army Achievement Medal

Arkansas Exceptional Service Medal with one device

Arkansas Commendation Medal

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2011 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Team of the Month, Public Affairs Office

2014 Arkansas Air National Guard Federal Military Technician of the Year

2016 188th Wing Outstanding Officer of the Year

2021 U.S. Army War College Superior Graduate

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Feb 21, 2003

First Lieutenant Feb. 21, 2005

Captain Feb. 21, 2007

Major Aug. 6, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 6, 2016

Colonel Nov. 15, 2024

(Current as of November 2024)

