



# BIOGRAPHY

*UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

## COLONEL BARBRA S. BULS

Col Barbra S. Buls is the Vice Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center and Commander, 201st Mission Support Squadron, Joint Base Andrews. As the Vice Commander, she assists the Director, Air National Guard in formulating all plans, policies, programs, and execution of the ANG's more than \$9B annual appropriation to enable mission readiness of 105,700 military and civilian personnel in 90 wings throughout the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. As the Commander, 201st Mission Support Squadron, she exercises elements of command and control over Air National Guard assigned units and members. She is the Title 10 chain of command for ANG members serving on Title 10 orders worldwide.

Col Buls enlisted in the South Dakota Air National Guard in 1986 attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. She was commissioned in 1992 through the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science. Col Buls is a senior aircraft maintenance officer with more than 20 years of experience in KC-135 and F-16 maintenance organizations. She has served in major USAF operations including Operation PROVIDE COMFORT/NORTHERN WATCH, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, NOBLE EAGLE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

Col Buls has served in various operational and staff assignments. She commanded both the 155th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 155th Maintenance Group, Nebraska Air National Guard, where she was responsible for maintenance programs and personnel in support of KC-135 aircraft missions. She completed a joint assignment as the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB Nebraska. Her previous staff assignments include Director, Human Resources, and Principal Deputy Director, A4 Logistics and Installations, at the Air National Guard Readiness Center, National Guard Bureau. Her civilian experience includes more than 20 years of executive leadership and management in the health insurance industry and certification as a Six Sigma Black Belt.



### EDUCATION

- 1988 NCO Preparatory Course, John Levitow Honor Graduate, Offutt AFB NE
- 1990 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in accounting, University of NE at Omaha, NE
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, residence, Maxwell AFB AL
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, non-resident, Maxwell AFB AL
- 2010 Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.
- 2012 National Security Fellow, National Security Management, Syracuse University, NY
- 2013 CJCS Level IV Antiterrorism Executive Training, Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, VA
- 2014 Director of Mobility Forces, Non-Rated Auditor, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 2016 Space Operations Course – Executive, Advanced Space Operations School, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2016 Nuclear 300, Advanced Nuclear Concepts, Air Force Institute of Technology, Kirtland AFB, NM
- 2017 Nuclear 400, Senior Leader Nuclear Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Kirtland AFB, NM
- 2017 Joint Cyberspace Operations Planning Course, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE
- 2018 Senior Manager Course in National Security, Elliott School, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jun 1986 – Aug 1986, Honor Graduate, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB TX
2. Aug 1986 – Dec 1986, Student, Ground Radio Operator Course, Offutt AFB NE
3. Dec 1986 – Jun 1992, Ground Radio Operator, Communications Squadron, 114th Tactical Fighter Wing, Joe Foss Field SDANG
4. Jun 1992 – Jul 1992, Student, ANG Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson ANGB TN
5. Jul 1992 - Apr 1993, OIC, Munitions Maintenance, 114th Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, Joe Foss Field SDANG
6. Apr 1993 – Jul 1993, Student, Aircraft Maintenance Munitions Officer Course, Sheppard AFB TX
7. Jul 1993 – Jul 1994, OIC, Munitions Maintenance, 114th Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, Joe Foss Field SDANG
8. Jul 1994 – Jun 1997, OIC, Equipment Maintenance Flight, 114th Maintenance Squadron, Joe Foss Field SDANG

**ASSIGNMENTS CON'T.**

9. Jul 1997 – Jul 1999, OIC, Organizational Maintenance, 114th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Joe Foss Field SDANG
10. Jul 1999 – Apr 2006, Maintenance Officer, 155th Aircraft Generation Squadron / Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Lincoln NEANG
11. Apr 2006 – Jul 2009, Commander, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln NEANG
12. Jul 2009 – Jun 2010, Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Ft. McNair DC
13. Jun 2010 – Jun 2011, Action Officer, Joint Officer Management, NGB/J1, and Director's Action Group, NGB/CF, Staff Fellowship Program, Arlington VA
14. Jun 2011 – Sep 2012, Director, Human Resources, ANGRC, Andrews AFB MD
15. Oct 2012 - Oct 2014, Commander, 155th Maintenance Group, Lincoln NEANG (Deployed Jul 2014 - Jan 2015, Air Reserve Component Advisor, United States Air Forces Central, Al Udeid AB Qatar)
16. Oct 2014—Sep 2015, State Director of Operations, Nebraska Joint Force Headquarters, Lincoln NEANG
17. Sep 2015—Jun 2018, Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB NE
18. Jun 2018—Sep 2018, Principal Deputy Director, NGB/A4 Installations and Logistics, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews MD
19. Sep 2018—Present, Vice Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center and Commander, 201st Mission Support Squadron, Joint Base Andrews MD

**SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Sep 2015—May 2018, Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB NE

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Second Lieutenant  | 30 Jul 1992 |
| First Lieutenant   | 10 Sep 1994 |
| Captain            | 05 Oct 1996 |
| Major              | 14 Oct 2000 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | 02 Apr 2006 |
| Colonel            | 08 Jun 2011 |

(Current as of March 2019)