



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL SEAN P. RUCKER

Colonel Sean Rucker is the Chief, Advanced Concepts Division, Los Angeles AFB, CA. In this role, he is responsible a 100-person Division executing \$25M recapitalization planning effort for the Air Force's \$7 Billion per year space portfolio. He oversees the architecting of next generation space systems and coordinates with AF HQ, AFSPC, AFRL, NRO and other agencies to validate concepts and combat effects.

Col Rucker was commissioned through ROTC at the University of Florida in 1993. He was first assigned to Los Angeles AFB as a project officer for the Brilliant Eyes and Space Based Infrared System Program Offices. He then broadened into Satellite Operations at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Space Operations Squadron (3 SOPS), Schriever AFB as a Defense Satellite Communications System (DSCS) III Operator, Flight Launch Director, Chief of DSCS III On-Orbit Operations, and 3 SOPS Chief of Operations Procedures. His next assignment at Hanscom AFB included program management in Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance programs and as the Electronic Systems Center's Executive to the Deputy of Acquisition. He next served in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition),

Information Dominance directorate at the Pentagon, as Program Element Monitor for two multi-billion dollar ACAT I programs in the E-10 program and the Multi-Platform Radar Technology Insertion Program. Col Rucker next served as the Commander, Satellite Control and Network Systems Squadron and Deputy Commander, Satellite Control and Network Systems Group. Then, he served as the Executive Officer to the Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC), Los Angeles AFB. He most recently served as the Chief and Assistant Chief, JROC Secretariat Branch and the Deputy Chief of Staff, Joint Staff/J8, Pentagon. In this capacity, he provided direct support Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (VCJCS) for all DoD requirements. He executed the weekly Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) meetings with the Vice Chiefs of Staff for each Services. Additionally, he was responsible to prepare senior military leaders for critical White House-level meetings to discuss and decide US national policies. He integrated key initiatives across six Deputy Directorates and over 250 personnel enabling cross-flow for fiscal and national decisions.

He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, holds a Master's degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California, and a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Florida.



## **EDUCATION**

2005 Master of Science in Military Operational Arts and Sciences      Air Command and Staff College, AL  
1998 Master of Science in Systems Management      University of Southern California, CA  
1993 Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering      University of Florida, FL

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Sep 93 – Apr 97      Advanced Technologies and Mod/Sim Project Officer, LA AFB, CA
2. Apr 97 – Mar 98      Undergraduate Space & Missile Tng/Initial Qual. Tng, Vandenberg AFB, CA
3. Mar 98 – Aug 98      DSCS III Satellite Vehicle Operator, Schriever AFB, CO
4. Aug 98 – Aug 99      Launch Engineer, 3d Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
5. Aug 99 – Oct 00      Chief, DSCS III On-Orbit Ops, 3d Space Ops Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
6. Oct 00 – Apr 01      Chief, Procedures Section, 3d Space Ops Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO
7. Apr 01 – Nov 03      Special Applications Division, ISR Integration Program, Hanscom AFB, MA
8. Nov 03 – Jul 04      Executive to the Deputy of Acquisition, ESC, Hanscom AFB, MA
9. Aug 04 – Jun 05      Air Command and Staff College – in-residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. Jun 05 – Jun 07      E-10/Multi-Platform Radar Technology Program (MP-RTIP) PEM, Pentagon, VA
11. Jun 07 – Jul 09      Commander, Satellite Control & Network Systems Squadron, LAAFB, CA
12. Jul 09 – Jan 10      Deputy Commander, Satellite Control & Network Systems Group, LAAFB, CA
13. Jan 10 – Jul 11      Executive Officer to the Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, LAAFB, CA
14. Jul 11 – Nov 12      Assistant Chief, JROC Secretariat Branch, Pentagon, Joint Staff/J8, Washington D.C.
15. Nov 12 – Apr 13      Chief, JROC Secretariat Branch, Pentagon, Joint Staff/J8, Washington D.C.
16. Apr 13 – Jul 14      Deputy Chief of Staff, Joint Staff/J8, Washington D.C.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star  
Global War on Terrorism Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	30 Apr 93
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	3 Jul 95
Captain	3 Jul 97
Major	1 Nov 03
Lt Col	1 Nov 08
Col	2 Feb 15

(Current as of Feb 2015)