



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COL MICHAEL S. NEWSOM

Colonel Michael Newsom is the Commander, 737th Training Group, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, the largest training group in the Air Force, comprising more than 7,000 trainee and permanent party Airmen. As the Air Force's only Basic Military Training organization, the group is comprised of nine squadrons that conduct all aspects of Air Force enlisted recruit training for approximately 39,000 Active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve accessions annually.

Prior to commanding Basic Military Training, Colonel Newsom was the J9 Deputy Director, Current Capabilities and Deputy Chief Information Officer where he led seven senior military and civilian leaders and 92 joint officers/civilians and contractors to meet CDRUSCYBERCOM C4 and operational cyber needs. He functioned as the Command's lead for building defensible Joint Information Environment and cyber operations capabilities, architectures and solutions while partnering with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Joint Staff to execute cyber capabilities. Prior to this assignment, he was the Chief, Current Operations (J33) USCYBERCOM, where he led, directed and managed the Joint Operations Center of over 100 Joint Service members and DOD civilians/contractors. He also served on the Air Staff, Joint Staff and in a variety of leadership positions as the Commander, 60th Communications Squadron, HQ Air Combat Command (ACC) Senior Executive Support Officer, Executive Officer to the ACC Director of Staff, the Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, ACC and as a Congressional Fellow.



Colonel Newsom received his commission in 1996 as a Distinguished Graduate of Officer Training School while serving as the OTS Wing Commander. He earned two master's degrees in Military Operational Art and Science and in National Security and Strategic Studies; he is a graduate of the National Defense University. Colonel Newsom is a prior enlisted Master Sergeant with experience in Security Police functions, Personnel Protection, Program Managements, Computer Ops and Investigations.

EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Science, Computer and Information Science, University of Maryland
- 1996 Officer Training School (Distinguished Graduate/OTS Wing Commander), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1996 Basic Communications-Computer Officers Training, Keesler AFB, MS
- 2001 Squadron Officer School (and Chief of Staff Flt Award Winner), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2009 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College by correspondence
- 2009 Legislative Fellow, Congress, Washington, DC
- 2012 Air War College by correspondence
- 2014 Master of National Security and Strategic Studies, National Defense University (Eisenhower School)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1996 – May 1999, Commander, Combat Support Flight, and Chief, Program Management Section, 552nd Computer Systems Group, 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, OK
2. May 1999 – January 2002, Senior Executive Support Officer, Protocol, HQ ACC, Langley AFB, VA

3. January 2002 – September 2002, Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, ACC, Langley AFB, VA
4. September 2002 – February 2005, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, ACC, Langley AFB, VA
5. March 2005 – March 2007, Deputy Commander, 78th Communications Squadron, Robins AFB, GA
6. April 2007 – December 2008, Congressional Fellow, Office of Congressman Chris Shays (R-CT), Washington, DC
7. January 2009 – January 2011, Chief, Force Development & Training and Special Assistant for Senior Civilian Matters and Chief, Education & Training, SAF/CIO A6, Pentagon, Washington, DC
8. January 2011 – September 2011, Chief, System Integration Branch, OCIO, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, DC
9. September 2011 – July 2012, Chief, Strategy Branch, OCIO, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, DC
10. July 2012 – June 2014, Chief, Contract Management Branch Joint Staff J6, Pentagon, Washington, DC
11. June 2014 – August 2014, Commander, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, Al Udeid, Qatar
12. August 2014 – June 2015, Student, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, DC
13. June 2015 – July 2016, Commander, 60th Communications Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
14. July 2016 – June 2018, Chief, Current Operations, USCYBERCOM, Fort Meade, MD
15. June 2018 – June 2019, J9 Deputy Director, Current Capabilities and Deputy Chief Information Officer, United States Cyber Command, Fort Meade, MD
16. June 2019 – Present, Commander, 737th Training Group, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

MAJOR DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

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

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	3 May 1996
First Lieutenant	3 May 1998
Captain	3 May 2000
Major	1 March 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	1 December 2010
Colonel	1 March 2017