



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL SEAN T. COLLINS

Brig. Gen. Sean T. Collins is the Assistant to The Surgeon General for the Department of the Air Force, Space Force. In this role he is the champion for the Surgeon General, focused on the medical support of the Space Force Guardians. In collaboration with the Chief of Space Operations and senior level Space Force leadership, Brig. Gen. Collins plays a key role in the overall development and establishment of policies and practices that best support Guardians as they forge a unique path in Space Operations. In addition, he serves as the ANG assistant to the Chief Nurse of the Air Force, where he assists with the creation and evaluation of policies and programs for 19,000 active-duty, Guard and Reserve nursing personnel. He interacts with Air Staff, Joint Staff, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs and civilian health care organizations to ensure the highest caliber of patient care and highly trained personnel.



Brig. Gen. Collins started his career at the 104th Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base, where he was commissioned in the nurse corps. He has served in multiple senior leadership roles in the National Capitol Region. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Commander, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency (AFMRA) at Head Quarters Air Force. Previous positions also include the ANG Assistant to the Deputy Surgeon General, Headquarters Air Force; Assistant for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs where he worked in concert with the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Readiness Policy and Oversight and the Director, Defense Health Agency. He has broad command and leadership experience in garrison and deployed settings. General Collins earned his Masters and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester.

EDUCATION

1986 Diploma in Nursing (Registered Nurse), Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Mass.
1989 Associates in Arts, General Studies, Springfield Technical Community College, Springfield, Mass.
1990 Bachelors of Science, Nursing, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.
1994 Masters of Science, Nursing, University of Mass. Medical School, Worcester, Mass.
1996 Post Masters Certificate, Nurse Practitioner, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Mass.
2008 Air War College, by correspondence
2009 Doctor of Philosophy, Clinical Research, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Mass.
2014 Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Leadership in Homeland Security, Cambridge, Mass.
2015 National Defense University; Reserve Component National Security Course, Washington, D.C.
2018 Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, National and International Security Program, Cambridge, Mass.
2019 Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Cambridge, Mass.
2020 National and International Security Leadership Seminar (NISLS), Capitol Hill Club, Washington DC
2020 Regional Seminar - Africa, Capitol Hill Club, Washington DC

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1995 – February 2000, Clinical Nurse, 104 Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base, Westfield, Mass.
2. February 2000 – September 2003, Nurse Practitioner, 104 Fighter Wing, Barnes ANGB, Westfield, Mass.
3. September 2003 – April 2005, Nursing Administrator, 104 Fighter Wing, Barnes ANGB, Westfield, Mass.
4. May 2005 – May 2016, Commander, Medical Group, 104 Fighter Wing, Barnes ANGB, Westfield, Mass., (January 2008 – August 2008, Chief Combat Medical Advisor, Coalition Air Force Transition Team, Baghdad, Iraq, Joint Duty Assignment, as a lieutenant colonel), (January 2011 – July 2011, Joint Combat Casualty Research Team, Senior Researcher, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, as a colonel)
5. May 2016 – May 2019, Assistant for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Defense Health Agency, Falls Church, Va. as a brigadier general, Joint Duty Assignment
6. May 2019 – April 2021, Air National Guard Assistant to the Air Force Deputy Surgeon General, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Va, as a brigadier general.
7. April 2021 – July 2021, Commander, Air Force Medical readiness Agency (AFMRA), Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Va, as a brigadier general.
8. July 2021– Present, Assistant to the Surgeon General, United States Space Force; Dual Hat – ANG Assistant to the Chief Nurse Corps, Office of the Surgeon General, Pentagon, Arlington, Va, as a brigadier general.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2016 – May 2019, Assistant for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Defense Health Agency, Falls Church, Va. as a brigadier general

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Army Achievement Medal

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

General Collins is a Board Certified Nurse Practitioner licensed in the state of Massachusetts and Connecticut. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, with a joint appointment in Medicine and the Graduate School of Nursing. He also holds a clinical appointment in the diabetes center of excellence at University of Massachusetts Medical Center. General Collins also serves as President of Governors America Corporation, a family owned, vertically integrated production plant with global distribution and cutting edge innovation in the engine control industry. He provides global leadership and direction to the overall operation and strategic vision of nearly one hundred employees.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1995, Distinguished Nurse Award for Clinical Practice, Baystate Medical Center, Nurses Alumni
1998, Junior Officer of the Year, Wing Award, 104 Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base, Westfield, Mass.
2007, Dean Lillian Goodman Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, University of Massachusetts Medical School
2010, Distinguished Faculty Award, University of Massachusetts Medical School
2014, Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2019, Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Massachusetts Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant April 22, 1995
Captain Aug. 8, 1996
Major Feb. 1, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 9, 2005
Colonel June 19, 2009
Brigadier General May 20, 2016
(Current as of August 2021)