

BIOGRAPHY

MS. SHARON ARANA

Major Sharon Arana is an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force. She currently serves as the Branch Chief, Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS) Futures, DCGS and Intelligence Operations Division, Operations Directorate, Air Combat Command (ACC), Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. She supports both the Operations and Intelligence Directors executing ACC's Lead Command responsibilities for functional and operational support to the AF DCGS weapon system. AF DCGS is the Air Force's primary Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance planning and direction, collection, processing, exploitation, analysis and dissemination system. It employs a global communication architecture to connect multiple intelligence platforms and sensors to produce intelligence information.

Maj Arana was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She enlisted in 1997 as a Macedonian Cryptolinguist and supported Operation ALLIED FORCE as a ground linguist. Maj Arana was commissioned through Officer Training School in 2009. She has a diverse background in targeting, collection management, geospatial intelligence, and AF DCGS. Maj Arana has also supported Operations ODYSSEY DAWN, INHERENT RESOLVE, and ENDURING FREEDOM, and was pivotal to diplomatic support for Colombia's Plan Victoria. As a member of the Language Enabled Airman Program, Maj Arana maintains proficiency in the Spanish and Swahili languages.

EDUCATION

2005 Airman Leadership School, Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland
2005 Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, University of Maryland
2009 Bachelor of Science, International Relations, City College of New York
2009 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2009 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2015 Squadron Officer School, in residence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2021 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant September 9, 2009
First Lieutenant September 9, 2011
Captain September 9, 2013
Major July 1, 2019

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