



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL KATHLEEN A. COOK

Brigadier General. Kathleen A. Cook is Director of Air Force Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. Her organization's mission is to increase combat capability and improve productivity through programs promoting readiness, esprit de corps and quality of life for Airmen and their families. Her team provides policy and oversight for the \$2.7 billion worldwide services program, which includes comprehensive airman fitness, physical fitness centers, peacetime and wartime troop feeding, Air Force mortuary affairs operations, Armed Forces entertainment, Air Force protocol, lodging, libraries, child development centers, youth centers and a wide spectrum of recreation activities. The team also provides oversight for uniforms, awards and recognition, Airman and family readiness, and other commander-interest programs that contribute to military force sustainment.



Gen. Cook enlisted in the Air Force in 1982, graduating with honors from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and served as a trumpet player in the 564th Tactical Air Command Band, Langley AFB, Virginia. In July 1987, she was commissioned through the Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas, and was then assigned as the Deputy Chief of Public Affairs at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. Since that assignment, General Cook has served in multiple public affairs, staff and command positions to include three Pentagon assignments and four command assignments, including command of the 90th Mission Support Group, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming. Prior to her current assignment, she was the Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. In addition to advising the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on public affairs matters, she was responsible for both developing and executing global communication processes to build understanding and support for the Air Force, and organizing, training and equipping the 5,500 Public Affairs professionals worldwide.

EDUCATION

- 1982 Bachelor of Music Education, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 1993 Master of Science, Educational Leadership, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
- 1994 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2006 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2008 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 Air Force Leadership Enhancement Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
- 2013 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
- 2015 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 CAPSTONE General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1982 - July 1987, Trumpet Technician, 564th Tactical Air Command Band, Langley AFB, Va.
2. July 1987 - July 1990, Deputy Chief of Public Affairs, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
3. July 1990 - May 1991, Deputy Chief of Public Affairs, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
4. May 1991 - June 1993, Squadron Section Commander, 961st Airborne Warning and Control Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
5. June 1993 - August 1997, Media Operations Action Officer, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
6. August 1997 - June 2000, Chief of Public Affairs, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
7. June 2000 - June 2002, Chief of Personnel Integration, CSAF's Developing Aerospace Leaders Support Office, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. June 2002 - July 2004, Commander, 341st Mission Support Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mt.
9. July 2004 - July 2006, Deputy Commander, 90th Mission Support Group, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
10. July 2006 - June 2007, Director of Staff, 90th Space Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
11. June 2007 - May 2008, Student, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. July 2008 - July 2009, Commander, 90th Mission Support Group, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
13. July 2009 - May 2011, Chief of Public Affairs, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
14. May 2011 - March 2014, Director of Public Affairs, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
15. March 2014 - Jun 2016, Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon,

Washington, D.C.

16. July 2016 – present, Director of Air Force Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2009 - May 2011, Chief of Public Affairs U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with nine oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 22, 1987

First Lieutenant July 22, 1989

Captain July 22, 1991

Major Feb. 1, 1999

Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2003

Colonel Sept. 1, 2007

Brigadier General June 2, 2014

(Current as of July 2016)