



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL NORMAN A. POKLAR

Colonel Norman A. Poklar is the Commander of the 251st Cyber Engineering Installation Wing (CEIW (P)), Ohio Air National Guard, Springfield, Ohio. He leads an Air Force Space Command gained CEIW that is responsible for oversight of 2 CEIG's, 16 Engineering Installation Squadrons and their affiliated personnel in support of the National Command Authority. The 251st CEIW is in the process of converting from a Combat Communications Group (CCG) to a CEIW responsible for all the ANG EI units. As the Commander, Col Poklar is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Wing, as well as, ensuring the groups and its associated units are ready to deploy in order to meet their wartime tasking.



Throughout his career Col Poklar has held a variety of duty positions, including: Weapons Assignment Officer, Operations Training Officer, Communication-Electronics Maintenance Officer, Director of Operations and Detachment Commander. He served as Commander of the 9th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron (EACS), Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait, during a 6-month Presidential Reserve Call-up activation of the 123rd Air Control Squadron (ACS). During this deployment, the unit was responsible for all Battle Management activities for the southern no-fly zone in and around Iraq. Col Poklar also commanded the 123ACS throughout its 9-month activation in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE while deployed to Indianapolis Center working as a FAA Weapons Liaison. He served as the Battle Commander and then as the commander of the 606th EACS, a blended unit consisting of active-duty and guard personnel, in direct support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM for a 6-month activation to Kirkuk AB, Iraq. Also, he served as US Northern Command deployed J-6 for Joint Task Force (JTF) Rita/Katrina hurricane relief efforts in 2005.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration, Ohio University, 1986
Squadron Officer School (Correspondence) 1994
Air Command and Staff College (Seminar) 1996
Air War College (Correspondence) 2002

ASSIGNMENTS

June 1986 Commission from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio (AFROTC)

April 1987-September 1987 Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas

September 1987-December 1987 USAF Manual Weapons Controller School, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

January 1988-March 1988 USAF Automated Weapons Controller School, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

April 1988-June 1990 Weapons Assignment Officer, Southeast Air Defense Sector, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

June 1990-April 1993 Instructor Weapons Controller, 123rd Air Control Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard, Cincinnati, Ohio

April 1993-July 1995 Communication-Electronics Maintenance Officer, 123rd Air Control Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard, Cincinnati, Ohio

July 1995-December 2003 Detachment Commander, 123rd Air Control Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard, Cincinnati, Ohio

January 1996-February 1999 Director of Operations, 123rd Air Control Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard, Cincinnati, Ohio

February 1999-December 2003 Commander, 123rd Air Control Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard, Cincinnati, Ohio

January 2004-December 2009 Commander, 251st Combat Communications Group, Ohio Air National Guard, Springfield, Ohio

January 2010-Present Commander, 251st Cyber Engineering Installation Wing(P), Ohio Air National Guard, Springfield, Ohio

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal with 1 device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon, Short Tour

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon/Gold Border/ 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 M devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)

Air Force Training Ribbon
Louisiana Service Medal
Ohio Commendation Medal
Ohio Faithful Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Ohio Special service medal

DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	June 1986
First Lieutenant	December 1988
Captain	December 1990
Major	December 1994
Lt Colonel	August 1999
Colonel	July 2004