



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DAVID A. SOWINSKI

Colonel David A. Sowinski is Commander, 6th Maintenance Group, 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. He is responsible for overseeing operational aircraft generation and maintenance to the wing, Headquarters U.S. Central Command, Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, and 49 other mission partners that call MacDill home. The wing's overall mission is to provide worldwide air refueling and combatant commander airlift in support of the Air Force's Global Reach, Global Power mission, and to provide support to MacDill's mission partners.



Colonel Sowinski enlisted in the Air Force in January 1969 and served over four years in aircraft maintenance before leaving the Air Force to pursue a college education. He was commissioned in 1978 through the Air Force Officer Training School program. He graduated as a Distinguished Graduate from the Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course in 1978 and has served in numerous base level logistics positions to include, OIC bomber and tanker branch, OIC job control, OMS and FMS maintenance supervisor, squadron maintenance officer, deputy commander for maintenance production, and deputy logistics group commander. Headquarters assignments include, chief of logistics stan/eval on the SAC airborne command post, chief aircraft systems and chief avionics divisions HQ 15 AF, and chief base maintenance support policy HQ USAF, Pentagon, Washington DC. Command experience includes Commander 301st Field Maintenance Squadron and Commander 301st Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

EDUCATION

1977 Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Ed and Technology, Ball State Univ, Muncie, Ind.
1977 Aircraft Maintenance Officer School, Chanute AFB, IL (Distinguished Graduate)
1980 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence
1983 Master of Science Degree in Business Admin/Aviation Mgt, Embry Riddle Univ., Fla.
1987 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
1995 Air War College, Seminar

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April – October 1978, Student Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course, Chanute AFB, Ill.
2. October 1978 – October 1980, Flt Line Maint Officer and Maint Supervisor, Minot AFB, N.D.
3. November 1980 – October 1983, Logistics Controller, SAC Airborne Command Post, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. November 1983 – November 1986, OIC Job Control, Maintenance Supervisor, and Deputy Commander for Maintenance Production, RAF Alconbury, U.K.

5. December 1986 – September 1989, Chief Systems and Avionics Divisions, HQ 15 AF, March AFB, Calif.
6. October 1989 – October 1990, Commander 301st Field Maintenance Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
7. November 1990 – December 1991, Commander 301st Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
8. January 1992 – September 1993, Squadron Maintenance Officer, 91st Air Refueling Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
9. October 1993 – August 1997, Chief Base Maintenance Policy, HQ USAF Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. September 1997 – June 2000, Deputy Command 60 Logistics Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
11. July 2000 – June 2002 Chief, Maintenance Engineering Division, Directorate of Logistics, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
12. June 2002 – present, 6th Maintenance Group Commander, MacDill AFB, Fla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Good Conduct Medal
National Defense Service Medal with Star
Vietnam Service Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, 4 April 1978
First Lieutenant, 4 April 1980
Captain, 4 April 1982
Major, 1 February 1989
Lieutenant Colonel, 1 May 1994
Colonel, 1 June 2000

(Current as of *October 2003*)