

SPACE BASE DELTA 3 CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



Space Base Delta 3
2022



Los Angeles Garrison
2021-2022



61st Air Base Wing
2006-2010



61st Air Base Group
2010-2021



61st Air Base Group
1994-2006



655th Air Base Squadron
1993-1994



6592d Air Base Group
1971-1993



6592d Support Group
1962-1971



6592d Support Wing
1961-1962



6592d Support Group
1959-1961



29 May 2024
Los Angeles AFB, CA



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

OPENING NARRATION

Technical Sergeant Brian Williams

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

RUFFLES & FLOURISHES

GENERAL'S MARCH

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Miss Taylor Walsh

INVOCATION

Chaplain Major Emmanuel Okwaraocha

REMARKS BY PRESIDING OFFICIAL

Lieutenant General Philip Garrant

AWARD PRESENTATION

REMARKS BY OUTGOING SPACE DELTA 3 COMMANDER

Colonel Mia Walsh

CHANGE OF COMMAND



INCOMING COMMANDER



COLONEL ANDREW “ANDY” C. DERMANOSKI

Col. Andrew C. “Andy” Dermanoski is the Commander, Space Base Delta 3 (SBD 3), Los Angeles Air Force Base, El Segundo, California. He leads five squadrons and six staff agencies, supporting over 7,000 personnel with \$1 billion in physical plant assets and manages the annual execution of a \$61.4 million annual budget. SBD 3 provides medical services, civil engineering and logistics, communications, chaplain services, security, personnel and readiness programs, and quality-of-life services to the installation, including the co-located Field Command, Space Systems Command, the base housing areas at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California, and many other Department of Defense units in the Los Angeles area.

Col. Dermanoski commissioned in the US Army as a Military Intelligence officer in June 2001, after graduating from the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. He’s served in a variety of leadership positions at the company, battalion, brigade and corps levels, including assignments within the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), V Corps, US Army Europe (USAREUR), and XVIII Airborne Corps. He held company command in US Army Garrison BENELUX and Installation Management Command (IMCOM) – Europe. Additionally, he was nominated and board-selected to serve as the primary Admissions Officer for the Western Region for the United States Military Academy. He completed his final Army assignment as the Brigade S3 for the 66th Military Intelligence Brigade in Wiesbaden Germany. On June 7, 2022, Col. Dermanoski transferred into the U.S. Space Force. Prior to his current position, Col. Dermanoski was the Deputy Director, Space Sensing Program Executive Office for Space Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, El Segundo, California.

Throughout his career, he’s served four combat tours in Iraq—Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE as part of 13 total years stationed overseas. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Sabalauski Air Assault School and the Army Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science, Latin American Studies/Civil Engineering, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

2001 Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

2005 Military Intelligence Captains Career Course, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

2011 Master of Business Administration, University of Notre Dame, Ind. – Magna Cum Laude

2015 Command and General Staff Course - Distance Learning, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

2024 Air War College – Distance Learning, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

August 2001 – December 2001, Student, Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

January 2002 – March 2005, Company XO and Assistant S4, 202nd MI Bn, Ft. Gordon, Ga. (deployed to Kuwait and Iraq)

March 2005 – October 2005, Student, Military Intelligence CCC, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

October 2005 – April 2007, Deputy G2, V Corps Artillery, Schwetzingen, Germany (deployed to Iraq)

April 2007 – July 2009, Commander, HHC – USAG BENELUX, Chievres, Belgium

August 2009 – May 2011, Student, University of Notre Dame, Ind.

June 2011 – July 2013, Regional Commander, USMA, West Point, N.Y.

July 2013 – May 2016, Battalion XO and S3, 441st MI Bn, Camp Zama, Japan

June 2016 – June 2018, ACE Chief, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, N.C. (deployed to Iraq)

June 2018 – June 2022, Brigade S3, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade, Wiesbaden, Germany

June 2022 – October 2023, Deputy, EWS Program Office and Environmental and Tactical Surveillance Delta, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

October 2023 – May 2024, Deputy Director, Space Sensing PEO, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

May 2024 – present, Commander, Space Base Delta 3, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Army Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 2001

First Lieutenant Dec. 2, 2002

Captain Nov. 1, 2004

Major April 1, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2016

Colonel July 1, 2023

(Current as of May 2024)



HISTORY

IN NOVEMBER 1940 THE 61ST TRANSPORT GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED AND TRAINED TO DROP PARATROOPERS AND PULL GLIDERS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THEY DEPLOYED FIRST TO NORTH AFRICA. THEY TOOK PART IN THE ALLIED INVASION OF SICILY AND OF THE ITALIAN MAINLAND IN 1943. IN 1944, THEY RELOCATED TO ENGLAND, JUST IN TIME TO PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE IN LANDING TROOPS DURING THE ALLIED INVASIONS OF NORMANDY ON D-DAY AND OF HOLLAND IN OPERATION MARKET GARDEN. IN 1945, THEY FLEW TROOPS AND SUPPLIES IN THE ALLIED PUSH ACROSS THE RHINE.

THE 61ST REMAINED IN GERMANY AFTER THE WAR. THEY FLEW THE BERLIN AIRLIFT FROM START TO FINISH DURING 1948-1949, AND THEY WERE ONE OF THE MAJOR MOVERS OF SUPPLIES DURING THE ENTIRE YEAR-LONG, SUCCESSFUL OPERATION TO KEEP WEST BERLIN ALIVE DURING THE SOVIET BLOCKADE.

THE 61ST RELOCATED TO THE PACIFIC JUST IN TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE KOREAN WAR. THEY FLEW TROOPS AND SUPPLIES INTO KOREA DURING 1950-1952 AND ALSO CARRIED OUT SOME VERY RISKY EVACUATIONS OF US TROOPS. EARLY IN THE WAR, THEY PERFORMED ONE OF THEIR MOST FAMOUS EXPLOITS WHEN THEY TRANSPORTED ALMOST 1,000 STARVING KOREAN WAR ORPHANS OUT OF THE PATH OF THE ADVANCING COMMUNIST FORCES. THEY FLEW THEM TO TEMPORARY FACILITIES ON JEJU ISLAND; AND BEGAN A COLLECTION TO FEED AND CLOTHE THEM.

THE 61ST WAS INACTIVATED IN 1959. IT WAS REACTIVATED IN 1984 AND EARNED ANOTHER STREAMER IN OPERATION JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA. THE 61ST FLEW OTHER STRATEGIC OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. THE 61ST WAS INACTIVATED AGAIN IN 1992 AFTER THE PERSIAN GULF WAR.

THE 61ST AIR BASE GROUP WAS ACTIVATED IN 1994 AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, WHERE THEY REPLACED THE 655TH AIR BASE SQUADRON. THE 61ST ABG PROVIDED THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND BASE SERVICES FOR THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE BASE UNDER THE SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER. THE ABG CONTINUED TO DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES IN THEIR NEW ROLE. THE 61ST ABG WAS REDESIGNATED AS THE 61ST MISSION SUPPORT GROUP ON 1 AUGUST 2006. IT WAS THEN REDESIGNATED BACK TO THE 61ST ABG ON 30 JULY 2010. THE 61ST ABG WON THREE AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARDS WHILE SUPPORTING LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE.

LOS ANGELES GARRISON WAS ACTIVATED IN 2021 THEN REDESIGNATED SPACE BASE DELTA 3 IN 2022.



OUTGOING COMMANDER



COLONEL MIA L. WALSH

Col. Mia L. Walsh is the Commander, Space Base Delta 3 (SBD 3), Los Angeles Air Force Base, El Segundo, Calif. She leads five squadrons and six staff agencies, totaling more than 850 personnel with \$1.3 billion in physical plant assets and manages the annual execution of a \$60 million budget. SBD 3 serves as the support function for the base providing medical services, civil engineering, communications, chaplain services, installation security, logistical support, personnel assistance and readiness, and quality-of-life services to the Space Systems Command and many other Department of Defense units in the Los Angeles basin.

Col. Walsh entered the Air Force in 1998 after receiving her commission through the Reserve Officer Training Program at the University of Hawaii. She is experienced in intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launch operations as well as space surveillance and completed staff tours at both the MAJCOM and Air Staff. She was the Chief of Operations in the National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center (NJOIC), Current Operations Element, J-33, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. She served as the Commander, 18th Space Control Squadron (now the 18th Space Defense Squadron), Vandenberg SFB, California. The 18th Space Defense Squadron executes command and control of the space domain awareness mission.

Prior to her current position, Col. Walsh served as the Chief of Operations, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Deputy Directorate for Current and Integrated Operations, Joint Staff J33, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The NJOIC is the Joint Staff's 24/7 watch floor that monitors and reports on global Joint Force operations and supports Department of Defense leadership with situational awareness and global crisis monitoring.

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics, University of Hawaii
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2007 Master of Arts degree in Space Operations, American Military University
2011 Master of Arts degree in Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2015 Air War College, by correspondence
2020 Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

Oct 1998 - Feb 1999, Staff Officer, 21st Operations Support Squadron, Peterson SFB, Colo.
Feb 1999 - Sep 1999, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training and Missile Initial Qualification Training, 392nd Training Squadron and 533rd Training Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.
Sep 1999 - May 2001, Deputy Crew Commander Instructor and Combat Crew Commander Minuteman ICBM, 321st Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
May 2001 - Jun 2003, ICBM Chief, Evaluation Operations, 90th Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
Jun 2003 - May 2006, Space Control Crew Commander; Chief, Operations Training Section; Operations Support Flight Commander, 20th Space Control Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
May 2006 - Jun 2007, Executive Officer, 21st Operations Group, Peterson SFB, Colo.
Jun 2007 - Jun 2009, Chief, Space Operations Concepts and Policy, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson SFB, Colo.
Jun 2009 - Sep 2010, Deputy Director, Research and Publications, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Sep 2010 - Jun 2011, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Jun 2011 - Mar 2014, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Branch Chief, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Division, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
(Deployed Jul 2012 - Jan 2013, AFCENT Chief of Staff Executive Officer, 609th Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
Mar 2014 - Jul 2015, Senior Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements (A3), Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
Jul 2015 - Jul 2017, Strategy Branch Chief and Deputy Division Chief, Strategy Plans Division, 614th Air Operations Center, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.
Jul 2017 - Jun 2019, Commander, 18th Space Control Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, Calif.
Jun 2019 - Jun 2020, Student, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, D.C.
Jun 2020 - Jul 2022, Chief of Operations, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Deputy Directorate for Current and Integrated Operations, Joint Staff J33, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
Jul 2022 - present, Commander, Space Base Delta 3, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with N device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Oct. 1, 1998
First Lieutenant Oct. 1, 2000
Captain Oct. 1, 2002
Major July 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2013
Colonel Nov. 1, 2019

(Current as of May 2024)



PRESIDING OFFICIAL



LIEUTENANT GENERAL PHILIP A. GARRANT

Lieutenant General Philip A. Garrant is Commander, Space Systems Command, headquartered at Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He is responsible for more than 15,000 military, civilian and contractor personnel worldwide and an annual budget of \$15.6 billion, while managing the research, design, development, acquisition, launch and sustainment of satellites and the associated command and control systems. His extensive portfolio includes military satellite communication, missile warning, navigation and timing, space-based weather, space launch and test ranges, space superiority, responsive space and other emerging evolutionary space programs.

Prior to Space Systems Command, Lt. Gen. Garrant served as the Deputy Chief of Space Operations, Strategy, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, and had the overall responsibility for the strategies, requirements, and budget of the United States Space Force.

Lt. Gen. Garrant received his commission from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Maryland in 1991. During his career, he has served in a variety of acquisition positions including Systems Engineer, Program Manager, Program Element Monitor, Squadron Commander, Senior Materiel Leader, Deputy Program Executive Officer and Program Executive.

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
1995 Master of Science, Systems Management, Capitol College, Laurel, Md.
1996 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2003 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2004 Master of Science, Systems Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
2006 Air War College, by correspondence
2011 Master of Strategic Studies, Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.
2014 Enterprise Leadership Program, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2016 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
2023 Leadership at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

March 1992 – June 1995, Systems Engineer then Program Manager, Document and Data Networks Division, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Md.
June 1995 – June 1999, Systems Engineer then Program Manager, Data Masked
June 1999 – March 2001, Air Combat Training Manager, Weapons and Tactics Branch, HQ USAFE, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
March 2001 – June 2002, Executive Officer, Director of Air and Space Operations, HQ USAFE, Ramstein AB, Germany
August 2002 – August 2003, Program Manager, F-16 Structures Branch, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
August 2003 – September 2004, Intermediate Developmental Education Student, Systems Engineering Department, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
September 2004 – July 2006; Chief, Advanced Sensors Branch; Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; Rosslyn, Va.
July 2006 – June 2007; Chief, Predator, Reaper, and Big Safari Programs Branch; Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; Rosslyn, Va.
June 2007 – June 2009, Commander, 689 ARSS, Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.
July 2008 – January 2009; MNC-I C-8 Acquisition Liaison Officer; Camp Victory, Iraq
June 2009 – June 2010; Deputy Director, 808 ARSG, Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.
July 2010 – June 2011, Senior Developmental Education Student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
July 2011 – May 2014, Senior Materiel Leader, EELV Systems Division, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
October 2013 – April 2014; Deputy Director for Regional Teams, Operational Contract Support and Chief, Audit Readiness; HQ USFOR-A; Kabul, Afghanistan and Al Udeid, Qatar
May 2014 – June 2017, Director, Space Superiority Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
June 2017 – June 2019, Vice Commander and Deputy Air Force Program Executive Officer for Space, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
June 2019 – June 2022, Program Executive for Ground-based Weapon Systems, Missile Defense Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
August 2022 – February 2024, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Strategy, Plans, Programs, and Requirements, United States Space Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
December 2023–present, Commander, Space Systems Command, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

July 2008 – January 2009; MNC-I C-8 Acquisition Liaison Officer; Camp Victory, Iraq, as a lieutenant colonel
October 2013 – April 2014; Deputy Director for Regional Teams, Operational Contract Support and Chief, Audit Readiness; HQ USFOR-A; Kabul, Afghanistan and Al Udeid, Qatar, as a colonel
June 2019 – June 2022, Program Executive for Ground-based Weapon Systems, Missile Defense Agency, Redstone Arsenal AL, as a brigadier general and major general

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal	Joint Service Commendation Medal
Defense Superior Service Medal	Joint Service Achievement Medal
Legion of Merit	Air Force Achievement Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal	
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters	

(Current as of May 2024)

