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COLONEL SERGIO RIOS

Col. Sergio Rios is the Director of Manpower, Personnel and Services at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. He is responsible for the development, management, and implementation of personnel, manpower, and services plans, policies and procedures for the largest education and training system in the world. He controls the personnel programs impacting more than 60,000 military and civilian personnel assigned to AETC.

Colonel Rios entered the Air Force in June 2000 as a graduate of the University of Iowa and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Since joining, he has held multiple positions at the installation, numbered Air Force, headquarters U.S. Air Force and combatant command levels to include aide-de-camp and trip planner to the U.S. Southern Command commander, 38F career field manager, force support squadron commander and Air Forces Central Command A-1 Forward at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, and most recently the 78th Air Base Wing deputy commander. During his years of service, Colonel Rios has been selected and earned master's degrees from the Air Force Civilian Institute Program at the University of Central Florida and University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.



EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University of Iowa, Iowa City
- 2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Master of Science, Lodging and Hospitality Management (Air Force Institute of Technology civilian institute fellow), University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla.
- 2008 Air Force Contingency War Planners Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2014 Master of Arts, Leadership and Counseling, University of Colorado, Colo.
- 2014 Air Officer Commanding Masters' Program, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2017 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2000 - March 2002, Chief, Plans and Force Management, 45th Services Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
2. April 2002 - July 2002, Chief, Readiness Plans, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
3. August 2002 - March 2003, Air Force Base Honor Guard Program Manager and Service Representative, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
4. April 2003 - July 2004, Southwest Asia Circuit Manager, Armed Forces Entertainment, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
5. August 2004 - July 2005, Chief, Financial Performance and Analysis, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.





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6. August 2005 - July 2007, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Civilian Institute Program, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla.
7. August 2007 - January 2008, Chief Contingency Plans and Operations Branch, Headquarters Third Air Force, Personnel and Services Directorate, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
8. February 2008 - June 2008, Chief, Services Plans and Readiness, Headquarters Third Air Force, Personnel and Services Directorate, Ramstein AB, Germany
9. July 2008 - June 2010 - June 2012, Commander, Combat Support Flight, 86th Services Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
10. June 2010 - June 2012, Aide-de-camp and Trip Planner to the Combatant Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla.
11. July 2012 - May 2013, Deputy Director, Office of Strategic Communication, U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla.
12. June 2013 - May 2014, Intermediate Development Program Student, Air Officer Commanding Masters' Program, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
13. June 2014 - May 2015, Commander, Cadet Squadron 15, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
14. May 2015 - June 2016, Director, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
15. July 2016 - June 2018, Commander, 6th Force Support Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.
16. July 2018 - June 2019, Director, Air Forces Central Command Forward, Combined Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
17. July 2019 - July 2020, Chief, 38F Career Field Management Team, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. July 2020 - June 2022, Chief, Career Field Management Team and Readiness Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
19. June 2022 - July 2024, Deputy Commander, 78th Air Base Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.
20. July 2024 - present, Director, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Navy Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 12, 2000
First Lieutenant June 12, 2002
Captain June 12, 2004
Major May 1, 2010
Lieutenant Colonel September 1, 2015
Colonel September 1, 2021

(Current as of February 2025)

