



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL POLLY S. KENNY

Colonel Polly S. Kenny is the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Second Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. She is the senior legal advisor to the Commander of Second Air Force. She and her staff are responsible for the proper administration of military justice within a Numbered Air Force comprised of three training wings and two training groups.

Colonel Kenny received a Bachelor of Science Degree in English, and minors in Political Science and Criminal Justice from Troy State University in 1985. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1988. After admission to the Alabama bar, Colonel Kenny entered the Air Force through the direct appointment program in March 1989.



Colonel Kenny's first assignment was with the 7th Bomb Wing, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. While at Carswell, she served in a variety of positions including Chief, Civil Law, Claims Officer, and Chief, Environmental Law. In 1991, she was reassigned to the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, Florida, where she served as Chief, Military Justice and Adverse Actions. In 1993, she was assigned to be the Hurlburt Field Area Defense Counsel. In 1994, Colonel Kenny was selected to be a Circuit Defense Counsel for the Eastern Circuit Trial Judiciary, Bolling Air Force Base, DC. She was promoted to the Eastern Circuit Deputy Chief Circuit Defense Counsel position in 1996. In 1997, Colonel Kenny became the Staff Judge Advocate for the 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia. She served in that position until 1999 when she moved to 16th Air Force, Aviano Air Base, Italy, where she served as Chief, Military Justice. While assigned to Aviano Air Base, Italy, she deployed to HQ Kosovo Force (KFOR), Pristina, Kosovo, as an assistant legal advisor. She was assigned to the Air Force Judge Advocate General School, Military Justice Division in 2001 and served as the Chief of the Military Justice Division from May 2003 until July 2004. From July 2004 until July 2006, she served as the Staff Judge Advocate, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colorado. In July 2006, she became the Staff Judge Advocate, 316th Wing, Andrews AFB, Maryland. In that position, she was also the Staff Judge Advocate to the 79th Medical Wing and the 89th Airlift Wing. In July 2009, she assumed the position of Chief, Trial Defense Division, supervising more than 180 judge advocates, paralegals, and civilian attorneys. In that role, she was responsible for the provision of comprehensive legal defense services to all Air Force members worldwide. She assumed her current position in June 2011.

Colonel Kenny has two children, Jack Spencer Kenny, born November 22, 1998, and Emma Jane Kenny, born July 30, 2001.

EDUCATION

1985 Bachelor of Science, English, Troy State University, Troy, AL
1988 Juris Doctor, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL
1995 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
1999 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2003 Air War College, by seminar

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1989 – September 1991, Chief, Civil Law, Claims, and Environmental Law, Carswell AFB, TX
2. September 1991 – May 1993, Chief, Adverse Actions and Military Justice, Hurlburt Field, FL
3. May 1993 – July 1994, Area Defense Counsel, Hurlburt Field, FL
4. July 1994 – March 1996, Circuit Defense Counsel, Eastern Circuit Trial Judiciary, Bolling AFB, DC
5. March 1996 – July 1997, Deputy Chief Circuit Defense Counsel, Eastern Circuit Trial Judiciary, Bolling AFB, DC
6. July 1997 – July 1999, Staff Judge Advocate, Dobbins ARB, GA
7. July 1999 – June 2001, Chief, Military Justice, 16th Air Force, Aviano AB, IT
(June 2000 – July 2000, Assistant Legal Advisor, HQ Kosovo Force, Pristina, Kosovo)
8. June 2001 – May 2003, Instructor, Military Justice Division, Air Force Judge Advocate General School, Maxwell AFB, AL
9. May 2003 – July 2004, Chief, Military Justice Division, Air Force Judge Advocate General School, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. July 2004 – July 2006, Staff Judge Advocate, Peterson AFB, CO
11. July 2006 – July 2009, Staff Judge Advocate, Andrews AFB, MD
12. July 2009 – June 2011, Chief, Trial Defense Division, Joint Base Andrews, MD
13. June 2011 – present, Staff Judge Advocate, 2nd Air Force, Keesler AFB, MS

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Kosovo Campaign Medal
NATO Medal with one Bronze Star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	14 March 1989
Captain	14 September 1989
Major	1 January 1997
Lieutenant Colonel	1 June 2002
Colonel	1 December 2006

(Current as of June 2011)