



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DAWN D. HANKINS

Colonel Dawn D. Hankins is the Chief, Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) Division, Air For Legal Operations Agency. She is responsible for developing policies and procedures for the SVC Program and provides professional oversight for 40 part-time and 24 full-time judge advocates serving as SVCs in 22 locations worldwide.

Colonel Hankins received a direct commission as an Air Force judge advocate in March 1995 and entered active duty in June 1995. She has served as a wing staff judge advocate, deployed staff judge advocate, deputy staff judge advocate, an area defense counsel, and legal advisor for two Aircraft Accident Investigation Boards and for the Air Expeditionary Force Battlelab. While serving as the 49th Wing Staff Judge Advocate, her office received the 2011 ACC Legal Office of the Year award. She is admitted to practice law before the State of New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, *magna cum laude*, Louisiana State University, LA
- 1994 Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, Syracuse University College of Law, NY
- 1999 Squadron Officer's School (Distinguished Graduate), Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2011 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 – December 1996, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Labor Law, Operations Law, and Military Justice), 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, SC
2. December 1996 – July 1999, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Environmental Law, Military Justice, and Operations Law) and AEFB Legal Advisor, 366th Wing, Mountain Home AFB, ID
3. July 1999 – July 2000, Area Defense Counsel, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
4. July 2000 – July 2003, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Military Justice and Operational Contracts Law), Tinker AFB, OK
5. July 2003 – July 2006, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, CO (September 2005 – January 2006, Deployed Staff Judge Advocate, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad AB, Iraq)
6. July 2006 – June 2009, Section Chief, Military Justice Division and RMG/CC Legal Advisor, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, GA
7. June 2009 – July 2012, Staff Judge Advocate, 49th Wing, Holloman AFB, NM

8. July 2012 – May 2013, Chief, Justice and Court Activities and Chief, Special Victims' Counsel Program, Military Justice Division, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews, MD

9. June 2013 – Present, Chief, Special Victims' Counsel Division, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews, MD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korea Defense Service Medal
2005 Air Force Space Command Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year
1997 12th Air Force Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	8 June 1995
Captain	8 December 1995
Major	1 August 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	1 July 2008
Colonel	1 September 2013

(Current as of September 2013)