



COLONEL NEIL B. BARNAS

Col. Neil B. “Hollywood” Barnas is the Commander and System Program Director, System Delta 831, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Ca. In this position he leads a 195-member government/contractor team to manage and execute an acquisition portfolio worth \$13.5B delivering resilient, precise, interoperable, and secure Navigation Warfare (NAVWAR) and Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) capabilities to the Joint Force, civil users, and our allies in order to deter our adversaries and enable our way of life. Programs within this portfolio include GPS Block IIIIF, Military GPS User Equipment, and GPS Enterprise Integration.

Col. Barnas received his commission from Air Force Officer Training School in 2003. He has served as a systems engineer and program manager for a variety of weapon systems, including space-based missile warning, B-2, F-22, F-35, HH-60G, UH-1N, TH-1H, and other classified programs. Col. Barnas served as Materiel Leader of the Next Generation Overhead Persistent Infrared (OPIR) program. Prior to his current assignment Col. Barnas was Division Chief, Global Mission Operations, where he integrated space and battle management programs to analyze and deliver air, land, and maritime kill chains.



EDUCATION

2002 Bachelor of Science, Engineering Mechanics, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, N. Mex.

2004 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2010 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2010 Master of Engineering, Systems Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, Pa.

2013 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2016 Master of Science, Airpower Strategy and Technology Integration, Blue Horizons Fellowship, Center for Strategy and Technology, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2020 Air War College, Correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2003 - July 2006, Project Manager and Executive Officer, AFRL Materials & Manufacturing Directorate, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH.
2. August 2006 - September 2008, F-22 Electronic Warfare Test Manager, 36th Electronic Warfare Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
3. October 2008 - July 2010, Flight Commander, 36th Electronic Warfare Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. August 2010 - June 2011, F-35 Avionics Development Lead, F-35 Joint Program Office, Crystal City, Va.
5. July 2011 - July 2012, Executive Officer to the PEO, F-35 Joint Program Office, Crystal City, Va.
6. August 2012 - December 2013, Program Manager, Advanced Warfighter Communications, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, Bolling AFB, D.C.
7. January 2014 - July 2015, Chief, Advanced Development Branch, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.





8. July 2015 - Jun 2016, IDE Fellow, Blue Horizons Fellowship, Center for Strategy and Technology, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
9. July 2016 - July 2018, Deputy Chief, Rotary Wing Branch, SOF/PR & Rotary Division, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
10. July 2018 - May 2021, Materiel Leader, Next Gen OPIR Polar and GEO, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Ca.
11. May 2021 - August 2022, Inspector General, Space and Missile Systems Center and Space Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Ca.
12. August 2022 - March 2024, Chief, Enterprise Resilience Capability Integration, Space Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Ca.
13. March 2024 - July 2024, Division Chief, Enterprise Capability Integration, Space Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Ca.
14. August 2024 - July 2025, Division Chief, Global Mission Operations, Space Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Ca.
15. August 2025 - present, Commander and System Program Director, System Delta 831, Space Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Ca.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant September 19, 2003
First Lieutenant September 19, 2005
Captain September 19, 2007
Major December 1, 2013
Lieutenant Colonel August 1, 2018
Colonel June 1, 2024

(Current as of April 2026)

