

AIR COMBAT COMMAND  
TRAINING SUPPORT SQUADRON  
DETACHMENT 9

CHANGE OF  
COMMAND

PROGRAM



14 MAY 2026

Luke Air Force Base, Arizona

INTEGRITY \* SERVICE \* EXCELLENCE

# KEY PERSONNEL

## **PRESIDING OFFICER**

Lieutenant Colonel Steven Rohmiller  
Commander, Air Combat Command  
Training Support Squadron

## **OUTGOING COMMANDER**

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Mendel

## **INCOMING COMMANDER**

Lieutenant Colonel Shane Kinsman

## **NARRATOR**

Captain Daniel Conn

## **GUIDON BEARER**

Technical Sergeant Dakota Rimbach



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*by Master Sergeant Michelle Gagnon*

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*by Chaplain Daniel Starr*

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*by Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Mendel*

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*by Lieutenant Colonel Shane Kinsman*

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# Lieutenant Colonel Kevin J. Mendel

Lt Col Kevin J. Mendel is the outgoing Commander, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, Detachment 9, Luke AFB, Arizona. He leads the detachment's 29 personnel and 30 contractors in the development of the Control Reporting Center syllabus and courseware. The detachment is also responsible for Aircrew Training Device production for 35 major weapons systems across the Combat Air Forces.



Prior to his current position, Lt Col Mendel was the Director of Operations, 726th Air Control Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID. He was responsible for leading 150 personnel in the \$310M Control and Reporting Center Weapon System for worldwide contingency employment at the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He ensures the unit's Combat Mission Ready status through management of 3 flights and 5 shops, including training, scheduling, exercise support, readiness, and tactics development.

Colonel Mendel was raised in southern California, attended high school outside of Las Vegas, NV, and enlisted in the United States Air Force August 1999. He received his commission in 2006 as a Blue-Chip Graduate from Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. He has been assigned to numerous operational units at the squadron, group, major command, Air Staff, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff levels. He has also been deployed in direct support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM SENTINEL, SPARTAN SHIELD, and the COMBINED DEFENSE OF THE ARABIAN GULF. He is a Senior Air Battle Manager with more 1,300 flying hours in the E-3 and the MU-2.

## EDUCATION

- 2003 Airman Leadership School, Bolling AFB, Washington D.C
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts degree in History & Business, Excelsior University, Albany, NY
- 2006 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2013 Master in National Security Strategy, American Military University, WV
- 2016 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL, in correspondence
- 2020 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2021 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL, in correspondence

## ASSIGNMENTS

- Dec 99 – Aug 01, Command Post Emergency Actions Controller, FE Warren AFB, WY
- Aug 01 – Feb 03, Command Post Senior Emergency Actions Controller, Ghedi AB, Italy
- February 2003 - July 2005, Operations Watch NCO, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Jul 05 – Nov 05, Emergency Actions Controller, National Military Command Center, Pentagon Washington, D.C.
- Nov 05 – Feb 06, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- Feb 06 – Feb 07, Air Battle Manager Student, Tyndall AFB, FL
- Feb 07 – Sep 10, Air Weapons Officer and Executive Officer, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
- Sep 10 – May 13, Instructor Air Surveillance Officer and Flight Commander, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
- May 13 – May 15, Evaluator Air Surveillance Officer and Chief of Training, 606th Air Control Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
- May 15 – May 16, Chief of Standards and Evaluations and Executive Officer, 52d Operations Group, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
- May 16 – Jan 17, Assistant Director of Operations and Instructor Air Battle Manager, 337th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
- Jan 17 – Jul 18, Director of Staff, Instructor Air Battle Manager, 337th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
- Jul 18 – Jul 19, Chief of Joint Interface Control Cell and Joint Interface Control Officer, 609th Air Operations Center, Shaw AFB, SC
- Jul 19 – Jul 20, Joint All Domain Strategy Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- Jul 20 – Jul 22, Chief of Command and Control Plans and Deputy Division Director of Combat Plans, 603d Air Operations Center, Ramstein AB, Germany
- Jul 22 – May 24, Director of Operations, 726th Air Control Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID (Director of Operations, 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, "Kingpin", USAFCENT)
- May 24 - Present, Commander, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, Det 9, Luke AFB, AZ

# Lieutenant Colonel Shane A. Kinsman

Lieutenant Colonel Shane Kinsman is the incoming Commander, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, Detachment 9, Luke AFB, Arizona.

Colonel Kinsman was the Deputy Commander of the 552d Air Control Group, Tinker AFB, OK. In this role, he assisted in leading four squadrons with over 1,500 Airmen geographically dispersed in three states. He supported the operations, maintenance, logistics, training, modernization, and combat support for two Control and Reporting Centers (CRC) worth \$500 million. Additionally, he supports the organization, training, and sustainment of an Air Control Network Squadron responsible for software support, ground communications, and cyber defense for both the CRC and the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System.



Colonel Kinsman received his commission from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 842, University of Texas, San Antonio, in May 2006. He attended Undergraduate Air Battle Manager training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, before being posted to Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. His flying assignments include tours with both USAF and NATO E-3 AWACS, where he directed Combat Support, Counter Drug, NATO Assurance and Presidential-Support missions in multiple theaters.

Colonel Kinsman is a Master Air Battle Manager with more than 2400 flight hours, 580 of which are combat hours on the E-3 aircraft and six years of ground-based tactical command and control experience. He is an instructor and evaluator on two weapon systems and has deployed six times to Southwest Asia in support of various named operations.

## EDUCATION

- 2006 - Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, University of Texas, San Antonio, Tx.
- 2008 - Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2012 - Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2017 - Master of Arts, Homeland Security, American Military University, Charles Town, W. Va.
- 2019 - Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence

## ASSIGNMENTS

- Jun 2006 – Jun 2007, Undergraduate Air Battle Management Course, 325th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
- Jun 2007 – Jul 2011, E-3 AWACS Air Weapons Officer, 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
- Jul 2011 – Jan 2015, Evaluator/Instructor Air Weapons Officer, 56 OG Stan/Eval C2 Branch Chief, 607th Air Control Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ari.
- Jan 2015 – Jun 2018, NATO E-3 AWACS Weapons Director, Chief Wing Distributed Mission Operations and Chief Wing Mission Crew Training Standards, NAEW Training Squadron, Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany.
- Jun 2018 – Jun 2019, Chief Contingency Operations A3/5, 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, South Korea.
- Jun 2019 – Sept 2021, Instructor/Evaluator Air Battle Manager and Assistant Director of Operations, 606 Air Control Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy.
- Sept 2021 – Nov 2022, Assistant Director of Operations, 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Ok.
- Nov 2022 – Jun 2023, Director of Advanced Programs, 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Ok.
- Jun 2023 – Jul 2024, Deputy Group Commander, 552nd Operations Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Ok.
- July 2023 – April 2025, Deputy Group Commander, 552nd Air Control Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Ok.

# AIR COMBAT COMMAND TRAINING SUPPORT SQUADRON DETACHMENT 9

The mission of Detachment 9 is training experts providing a solid framework for instruction through relevant syllabi, updated training devices, and diligent support/quality assurance for our supported units. The Detachment is made up of two flights, Command and Control Reporting Center (CRC) and Aircrew Training Device (ATD).

The CRC provides training quality assurance to ensure the effectiveness of all phases of Modular Control Equipment training. This is done through analysis of student and instructor course review of training materials, observation of the training process and other evaluation methods.

The team is comprised of subject matter experts and education and training specialists who work cooperatively with users and military and civilian training managers. They are tasked with ensuring that training programs are developed in accordance with the Air Force's Instructional Systems Development process and are taught using educationally sound teaching practices.

The Aircrew Training Device (ATD) Flight is the sole trainer fabrication organization that designs, manufactures, and maintains aircrew training devices and aids for the Combat Air Forces (CAF). The types of devices and aids include Low-Cost Threat Emitters for 5th-Gen Fighter Training, Part-Task Trainers, Egress Procedures Trainers, Familiarization Trainers, classroom training aids, briefing aids, and visual aids.

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# THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

The change of command ceremony is a military tradition deeply rooted in history. Historically, the passing of a unit's flag was accomplished in front of the unit so all could see and witness the changing of leadership.

This symbolic tradition has survived throughout military history. The modern ceremony continues to announce to all, the authority of the incoming commander in the finest of military traditions.

# Air Force Song

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,  
Climbing high into the sun;  
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,  
At'em now, Give'em the gun!  
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,  
Off with one helluva roar!  
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!  
Nothing'll stop the US Air Force!

