



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **JOSEPH K. SIKES**

Mr. Sikes serves as Director for Housing and Competitive Sourcing in the office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment. He is responsible for policy and guidance in support of Commercial Activities programs in the Department of Defense (DoD), including implementation of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76. His office also provides policy and oversight of the Department's military housing program, including the Military Housing Privatization Initiative.

A native of Augusta, Georgia, Mr. Sikes graduated from St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio, and was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy during the days when they always won the Army-Navy game. Following graduation with the class of 1968, he was designated a naval flight officer and received orders to Patrol Squadron Seventeen at Barbers Point, Hawaii, where he spent most of the next 18 years hunting for Red October. Other significant tours included Vietnam service, training of Imperial Iranian Air Force flight crews in 1975, exchange duty with the Royal New Zealand Air Force and command of Patrol Squadron Six from 1984 to 1986.

Commander Sikes was then ordered to Washington for duty as Deputy to the Aviation Detailer in the Naval Personnel Command and subsequently attended the National War College. Following graduation in June 1988 he was assigned to the office of the Secretary of Defense as the Assistant Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations, a title which only took about six months to memorize. His responsibilities included military construction, base closures and the management of Defense installations. Immediately prior to his retirement in September, 1993, Captain Sikes helped set up the newly created Environmental Security organization while serving as Military Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security.

Following his retirement, Mr. Sikes was hired on the Secretary of Defense's base closure staff to help implement President Clinton's Five Part Community Reinvestment Plan announced as part of the BRAC 1993 round of closures. Immediately prior to his current assignment, while Deputy Director of the Housing Revitalization Support Office (HRSO), he helped implement the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, which authorized DoD to partner with the private sector to build and renovate military housing.