



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Colonel Christopher E. Finerty

Colonel Christopher E. Finerty is the Vice Commander, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews and Commander, 201st Mission Support Squadron. As the Vice Commander, he assists the Director, Air National Guard in formulating all plans, policies, programs, and execution of the ANG's \$9B+ annual appropriation to enable mission readiness of 105,700 Air National Guard military and civilian personnel in 90 Wings throughout the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. As the 201st MSS/CC, he exercises elements of command and control (ADCON) over Air National Guard assigned units and members. He is the Title 10 chain of command for ANG members serving on Title 10 orders.



Prior to this position, Col Finerty was the Congressional Legislative Programs Division Chief for the National Guard Bureau, Washington D.C. He led Joint, Air National Guard and Army National Guard teams in the analysis of legislation, formulation and execution of key Congressional engagement strategies by senior NGB leadership to successfully obtain from Congress the necessary authorities and appropriations. Colonel Finerty was responsible for all Congressional Liaison actions on Capitol Hill and his division is the sole focal point for all contact between National Guard Bureau leadership and members of Congress, their staffs and Congressional oversight committees.

Colonel Finerty received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1992. He is a Command Pilot with numerous combat deployments and over 45 combat missions and 3300 total flight hours. Colonel Finerty has been credited with over 40 lives saved during both peacetime and combat operations.

EDUCATION:

1992 Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science, United States Air Force Academy

1997 Masters of Business Administration, Regis University, Denver, Col.
1997 Squadron Officers School in residence, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1992 – October 1993, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas
2. October 1993 – February 1994, Rotary Wing Conversion Course, Ft Rucker, Ala.
3. February 1994 – May 1994, student, UH-1N training, Kirtland AFB, NM
4. May 1994 – May 1997, UH-1N Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 37th RQF, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
5. May 1997 – November 1997, student, HH-60G training, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
6. November 1997 – February 1999, HH-60G assistant Flight Commander, 48th RQS Holloman AFB, N.M.
7. February 1999 – September 2002, Assistant Operations Officer, 33rd RQS, Kadena AB, Japan
8. September 2002 - September 2005, HH-60G Evaluator Pilot, Kulis ANGB, AK
9. September 2005 - February 2007, CSAR/Special Tactics Action Officer, Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.
10. February 2007 - May 2008, Branch Chief, Combat Forces Requirements, Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.
11. May 2008 – Feb 2010, Division Chief, Requirements Integration, Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.
12. February 2010 – December 2011, Division Chief, Readiness, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Congressional Appropriations Liaison, the Pentagon
13. December 2011 – Sept 2015, Division Chief, Legislative Programs, National Guard Bureau Legislative Liaison, the Pentagon
14. Sept 2015 – Present, ANGRC Vice Commander, National Guard Bureau, Md.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3300 including over 45 combat missions

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-1, UH-1N, HH-60G

Pilot wings from Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with Three oak leaf clusters

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
Combat Readiness Medal with two devices
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Air Force Longevity Service
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant May 1992
First Lieutenant May 1994
Captain May 1996
Major Nov 2002
Lieutenant Colonel Jun 2008
Colonel May 2012

(Current as of Nov 15)