



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MS. JENNIFER BLOCK

Ms. Jennifer Block is the Executive Director of Athletic Programs, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado. In this role, she is the senior government official in Air Force Athletics.

Ms. Block is returning to Air Force Athletics after serving as the Director of Athletics from April 2018 to January 2019. She later served as the interim Executive Director of Athletics from January 2019 until her retirement from active duty as a Colonel in April 2019. Prior to joining the Athletic Department, Ms. Block was the Reserve Advisor to the Superintendent of the Academy. She also brilliantly led as the Career Field Manager (CFM) for contracting reserves and as the senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Contracting, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., which leads the development and implementation of complex and agile acquisition strategies and contracting policy. Additionally, Ms. Block served as the principal advisor

to the Athletic Director ensuring diversity and sexual assault prevention programs and projects were developed in accordance with Federal, DoD, Air Force and USAFA guidance, policy, and national standards.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Ms. Block entered the Air Force after graduating from the Academy in May 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management. While at the Academy, she was a four-year letter winner in volleyball and was named the team's most valuable player in 1991. Ms. Block was also a team captain, three-time all-conference selection and earned all-region honors.

As an Air Force contracting officer, Ms. Block worked at every level of federal acquisitions and has served staff tours at both major command and air staff levels. She provided expert leadership and management for all contracting activities in U.S. Air Forces in Europe, developed contracting policies and procedures for the entire Command and was responsible for critical operational plans and allocation of resources. Ms. Block also seamlessly led the most complex contracting flight in the Air Force, administering over 850 contracts valued at \$1.5 billion. Immediately after September 11th, 2001, she deployed as a contingency contracting officer and built a bare base in Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan in support of the U.S. Special Operations Command. Upon her return, she was awarded a Bronze Star for her support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and recognized as the Air Force's Outstanding Contingency Contracting Support in 2002. Ms. Block is a decorated former Air Force officer, director, squadron commander, staff officer, executive officer, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM combat veteran and fully qualified Level III contracting officer.

