



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL BENJAMIN A. JANS

Colonel Jans is the Director, Financial Management & Comptroller, Space Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He administers a \$15.6 billion budget which facilitates the research, design, development, acquisition, and sustainment of space systems, command and control, launch, and operational satellite systems.

Colonel Jans' experience has spanned all levels of financial management to include base-level, major command and air staff. His assignments included roles as financial services flight commander, command comptroller inspector, major command budget analyst, air staff budget analyst, and he served as a Squadron Commander three times.

Colonel Jans is a native Butte, North Dakota. He enlisted in the Air Force under the Delayed Enlistment Program in February 1992 during his senior year of high school. He initially served 5 years as a Services Specialist. In October 1997, he cross-trained into the Comptroller career field and then served as a base budget analyst, resource advisor, and non-commissioned officer in charge of military pay. He achieved the grade of Staff Sergeant, and after graduating from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, he earned his commission through Officer Training School in October 2003. He and his wife, Nancy, have one son, Seth.



Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Jans was a student at Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.

EDUCATION:

- 2000 Associate of Science, Financial Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2002 Associate of Science, Aviation Business Administration, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2002 Bachelor of Science, Management of Technical Operations, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2004 Aerospace Basic Course in residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Squadron Officer School in residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2009 Master of Business Administration, Trident University International
- 2013 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2016 Masters of Military Operational Arts and Sciences, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2024 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell, AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Nov 2003 – Mar 2004, Deputy Flight Commander, Financial Services, 71 CPTS, Vance AFB, OK
2. Mar 2004 – Mar 2005, Deputy Flight Commander, Financial Analysis, 71 CPTS, Vance AFB, OK
3. Apr 2005 – Nov 2005, Flight Commander, Financial Services, 71 CPTS, Vance AFB, OK
4. Nov 2005 – May 2007, Command Comptroller Inspector, HQ ACC/IG, Langley AFB, VA
5. May 2007 – Nov 2009, Chief, Management Headquarters, HQ ACC/FM, Langley AFB, VA
6. Nov 2009 – Jun 2010, MAJCOM Budget Analyst, HQ ACC/FM, Langley AFB, VA
7. Jun 2010 – Jun 2012, Headquarters Budget Analyst, Directorate of Budget Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

8. Jun 2012 – Jun 2013, Lead Flying Hour Analyst, Directorate of Budget Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
9. Jun 2013 – Jul 2015, Commander, 36 CPTS and 36 Wing Staff Agencies, Andersen AFB, Guam
10. Jul 2015 – Jun 2016, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. Jun 2016 – Jul 2018, Commander, 11th Comptroller Squadron, 11th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, MD
12. Jul 2018 – Jul 2020, Commander, 375 Comptroller Squadron, 375 Air Mobility Wing, Scott AFB, IL
13. Jul 2020 – Jun 2023, Chief, Budget Operations Branch, HQ Space Operations Command, Peterson SFB, CO
14. Jul 2023 – May 2024, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

*** Deployments**

Nov 2007 – Mar 2008, Foreign Military Sales Host Nation Support Coordinator, Security Assistance Office, Baghdad, Iraq
 Jun 2011 – Nov 2011, Lead Foreign Military Sales Budget Officer, 321st Air Expeditionary Wing, Baghdad, Iraq

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Good Conduct Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Recognition Ribbon
 National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with one bronze star
 Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Korean Defense Service Medal
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1997 Diamond Leadership Award, Airman Leadership School, Malmstrom AFB, MT
 2004 Outstanding Contributor, Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
 2004 Distinguished Graduate, Basic Financial Management Officers Course, Keesler AFB, MS
 2006 Company Grade Officer of the Year, HQ ACC/IG, Langley, VA
 2006 Educator of the Year, HQ ACC/FM, Langley, VA
 2020 Air Mobility Command Major General Alfred K. Flowers Comptroller Organization of the Year, 375 CPTS, Scott AFB, IL
 2020 United States Space Force Larry O. Spencer Special Acts & Services Award, HQ USSF/S8, Peterson Garrison, CO
 2021 SAF/FM Larry O. Spencer Special Acts & Services Award, HQ SpOC Financial Analysis Division, Peterson SFB, CO
 2021 HQ Space Operations Command Team of Year, HQ SpOC/DCG-S/S8 Budget Operations Branch, Peterson SFB, CO
 2021 Field Grade Officer of the Year, HQ SpOC Directorate of Resource Management & Special Prgms, Peterson SFB, CO
 2022 SAF/FM Larry O. Spencer Special Acts & Services Award, HQ SpOC Financial Analysis Division, Peterson SFB, CO

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	Oct 2003
First Lieutenant	Oct 2005
Captain	Oct 2007
Major	Dec 2013
Lieutenant Colonel	Aug 2018
Colonel	Aug 2024

(Current as of Aug 2024)