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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COL ROBERT P. BONGIOVI

Col. Robert P. Bongiovi is the Director of the Launch Systems Enterprise Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He is responsible for leading the acquisition, integration, development, production, operation, and sustainment of the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program and the Rocket System Launch Program.

Col Bongiovi was commissioned through the ROTC program in 1992 after graduating from the University of Dayton. He has served in multiple roles within the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (OSD/AT&L), as the Executive Officer to the Space and Missile Systems Center Commander, as a Materiel Leader in the Space Based Infrared Systems Directorate, as the Chief of Staff for the National Reconnaissance Office's Office of Space Launch, and as the Air Staff Program Element Monitor for the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program. He has had multiple Space and Missile Systems Center program manager assignments and has served at the National Reconnaissance Office, both as a program manager and in mission operations.



Prior to his current assignment, Col Bongiovi was Senior Materiel Leader, Acquisition Division, Launch Systems Enterprise Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. In this position, he was responsible for the acquisition of the Air Force's future launch systems to meet the Air Force, National Reconnaissance Office and other National Security Space systems' launch requirements.

### EDUCATION

1992 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio  
 1993 Masters of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va.  
 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
 2005 Masters of Science, Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

2008 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. September 1993 – May 1997, Infrared Sensor Test Engineer, Education with Aerospace Intern, then Inertial Upper Stage Integration and Operations Manager, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
2. May 1997 – May 2001, Chief, Airborne Collection Operations then Deputy Chief, System Engineering/Integration, Advance Science and Technology Directorate, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.
3. June 2001 – May 2004, Chief, Space Systems Integration then Mission Director, Aerospace Data Facility, Buckley AFB, Colo.
4. May 2004 – June 2005, Student, Intermediate Developmental Education, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
5. June 2005 – October 2007, Program Element Monitor, Launch and Ranges, Office of the Undersecretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
6. October 2007 – June 2008, Chief of Staff, Office of Space Launch, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.
7. June 2008 – June 2011, Commander (later Materiel Leader) Space Based Infrared Systems Sensors Squadron/Branch, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
8. June 2011 – June 2012, Executive Officer to the Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
9. July 2012 – July 2013, Launch and Positioning, Navigation and Timing Portfolio Manager, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. July 2013 – June 2014, Chief, Space Support and Force Application Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2014 – December 2017, Chief, Acquisition Division, Launch Systems Enterprise Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
12. December 2017 – Present, Director, Launch Systems Enterprise Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Service Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant December 29, 1992  
 First Lieutenant December 29, 1994  
 Captain December 29, 1996  
 Major May 1, 2003  
 Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2008  
 Colonel September 1, 2014

*(Current as of January 2018)*