



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL LEON S. BARRINGER

Col Leon “Sam” Barringer is Commander, 932d Medical Group, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He is responsible for overseeing the mission of deploying medical personnel to provide command, surgical support, aeromedical evacuation, nursing and specialty functions for En-Route Patient Staging System, and a rapidly deployable Expeditionary Medical Support for mental health triage and traumatic stress management, critical care expertise and surgical and dental support, and initial environmental and disease assessments at a deployed location. In addition, the 932d Aerospace Medicine Squadron provides Base Operations Support to the 932d Airlift Wing.

Col Barringer has deployed both as an Army and Air Force officer. He served as the deputy command surgeon for North Atlantic Treaty Organization Training Mission Afghanistan. During that deployment, he was also dual hatted as the Chief of Staff and the Command Surgeon. In that capacity, he had more than three hundred medical professionals from twelve countries as direct reports into that command, all while having the budgetary oversight of more than 200 million dollars. Previous to this, he also deployed for fourteen months to Iraq as a Team Leader assigned to a Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force, 1st Armored and 1st Cavalry, and to Afghanistan in 2006 as the S-3 Operations Chief in Kunar Province and Kabul.



Col Barringer is a large animal veterinarian consultant in the civilian sector. Graduating in 1991 from the University of California, Davis, he has owned and operated a private practice, had tenure in Academia and served on the faculty of the United States Air Force Academy. He is also currently a veterinary operations consultant for Diamond V nutrition.

### EDUCATION

1987 Bachelor of Science, (Magna Cum Laude), Business/Management, University of Maryland  
1989 Bachelor of Science, Veterinary Biosciences, University of Illinois  
1991 Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, Calif.  
2006 Air Command and Staff, Correspondence  
2008 Air War College, Correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1983–August 1986, United States Air Force, enlisted, Lajes Field, Azores/Rhein Main Air Base, Germany
2. November 1993–September 1998, US Army Reserve, El Salvador, Belize, Guatemala, Peru, Puerto Rico, Panama and Fort Bragg, N.C.
3. September 1998–December 1999, United States Army, Special Operations, Riverdale, Md.
4. December 1999–May 2000, Indefinite Ready Reserve
5. May 2000–April 2003, US Army, Aurora, Colo.
6. December 2003–April 2005, US Army Special Operations

7. May 2005–August 2009, Preventive Aerospace Team Leader, 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Preventive Aerospace Medicine Team, McChord Air Force Base, Wash. (October 2006-May 2007, Public Health Advisor to the Office of the Surgeon General, Afghan National Army and Ministry of Public Health, Afghanistan)
8. August 2009–June 2010, Associate Professor, biology department, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
9. January 2011–February 2012, Public Health Officer, NORAD/NORTHCOM Surgeon General Office, Peterson AFB, Colo. (May 2011–December 2011, Deputy Command Surgeon/Chief of Staff for NATO Training Mission Afghanistan Kabul, Afghanistan)
13. March 2012–January 2016, Commander, 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
14. February 2016-October 2016, Commander, 302d Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colo.
15. October 2016-present, Commander, 932d Medical Group, Scott AFB, Ill.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. October 2006- May 2007, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan and Public Health Advisor to the Office of the Surgeon General, Afghan National Army and Ministry of Public Health, Afghanistan, as a lieutenant colonel
2. May 2011-December 2011, Deputy Command Surgeon and Chief of Staff for NATO Training Mission Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a lieutenant colonel

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Army Achievement Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

First Lieutenant November 1993  
Captain September 1995  
Major April 2002  
Lieutenant Colonel February 2007  
Colonel April 2012

(Current as of September 2017)