



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### DEANNA L. RYALS, GG-14



Ms. Deanna L. Ryals is the Chief of the International Military Satellite Communications (MILSATCOM) Division within the MILSATCOM Systems Directorate (MC), Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC), Air Force Space Command (AFSPC), Los Angeles, AFB, CA. The division is responsible for providing an enterprise-wide approach to jointly acquiring MILSATCOM systems with key international partners and allies and identifying future opportunities for joint development of capabilities, architectures, policies, and technologies. SMC/MC is currently partnering with seven allies across the Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) and Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF) satellite programs and is executing eight Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) totaling \$1.7B in international partner contributions.

Ms. Ryals was born in Augusta, Georgia and raised in the Washington D.C. area. In 1988, she entered federal government service working for the Army Corps of Engineers. For more than 25 years, she has supported the Department of Defense (DoD) in both civil service and industry.

From 1988 to 2001, Ms. Ryals supported numerous Army and Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) organizations by providing acquisition and financial management support. In 2001, she joined the Secretary of the Air Force (SAF) Space Acquisition Directorate (AQS) monitoring the \$10B MILSATCOM terminals acquisition portfolio. In 2007, SAF/AQS established a single focal point for all MILSATCOM international activities, and Ms. Ryals was assigned the lead role. In this role, she supported the development of a MOU with Australia culminating in a \$6.2B partnership to expand the WGS constellation to six satellites. Then, in 2010, she served as the acquisition lead for the development of a multilateral WGS MOU with five partners culminating in a \$10.5B partnership (the largest AF International Armaments Cooperative Program for a space capability) expanding the WGS constellation to nine satellites. In 2012, Ms. Ryals became the Program Manager for Acquisition Strategy Development under the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Space Launch (AFPEO/SL) in Chantilly, Virginia. In this role, Ms. Ryals was instrumental in securing DoD Acquisition Executive approval of a new acquisition strategy for future DoD National Security Space (NSS) launches that introduced a competitive environment for all certified U.S. launch service providers. Ms. Ryals rejoined MILSATCOM in January 2013, as the Chief of the MC International Division.

### EDUCATION

APDP: Level III Program Management

Academic: BS, Management Studies, University of Maryland, 2016

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1988 – September 1991, Analyst, Army Corps of Engineers, Ft. Belvoir, VA
2. October 1991 – December 1994, Financial Analyst, Army Corps of Engineers, Ft. Belvoir, VA
3. October 1995 – March 2001, Senior Project Leader, CMS/CACI, Pentagon
4. April 2001 – February 2012, Acquisition Program Manager, SAF/AQS, Pentagon
5. February 2012 – December 2012, Acquisition Program Manager, AFPEO/SL, Chantilly, VA
6. January 2013 – Present, Chief, International MILSATCOM Division, SMC/MC, LA AFB, CA

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Civilian Service Award

OSD Group Achievement Award