



## The U.S. Air Force Song

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,*

*Climbing high into the sun;*

*Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,*

*At 'em now, Give 'em the gun!*

*Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,*

*Off with one helluva roar!*

*We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!*

*Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*



**Ellsworth Medical Group  
Change of Command**



Wednesday, 1 July 2026  
1428  
Dock 33  
Ellsworth AFB

*Change of Command Ceremony*

## Colonel Jonathan Keller



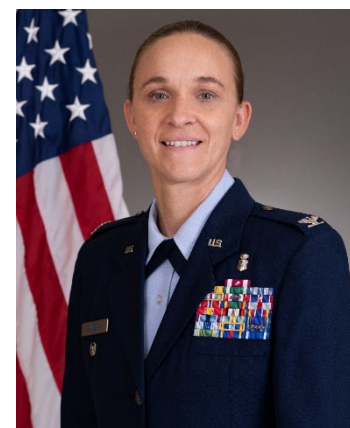
Colonel Jonathan A. Keller is the Commander of the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. He commands the largest B-1B combat wing in the United States Air Force, with more than 8,500 active-duty military members, civilian employees, and family members. Col. Keller commissioned through the University of Alabama Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 2002. He has served in a variety of operational B-52H Stratofortress flying assignments as a Navigator, and Instructor Weapon Systems Officer at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, and Minot AFB, North Dakota. He served as a U.S. Air Force Weapons School Instructor and later commanded the 340th Weapons Squadron at Barksdale AFB. His staff assignments include Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, and the Joint Staff. He is a Master Navigator with more than 3,100 hours – including more than 605 combat hours – while deployed in support of the Continuous Bomber Presence mission in the Indo-Pacific and flew combat missions in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Freedom’s Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. Prior to his current position, Col. Keller was the Current Operations Division Chief at the Joint Staff, J-3, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. His division was responsible for providing the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff updates on all U.S. Operations and current events that impact the Department of Defense around the globe.

## Colonel Stephanie Forsythe



Col Stephanie A. Forsythe is the Commander of the 28th Medical Group, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. She commands more than 240 active-duty military and civilian members and is responsible for ensuring maximum wartime readiness by operating a community-based healthcare system maintaining the health and morale of Air Force members through accessible, quality medical and dental care for 18,000 beneficiaries. Col Forsythe entered the United States Air Force in April 2003 with a direct commission after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. During her 22 years of service, she has served as a Flight Commander three times, a Squadron Commander two times, and has deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. Prior to her current position, Col Forsythe served as the commander of the 81st Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

## Colonel Karen Buikema



Colonel Karen J. Buikema is the incoming Commander and previously served as Deputy Commander, Lackland Medical Support Group, 59th Medical Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. She directed the team in providing mission support to the Air Force’s largest medical wing and largest medical training platform at 3 locations across Joint Base San Antonio. Additionally, Col Buikema served as the Air Force Surgeon General’s Consultant for Laboratory Medicine and the Biomedical Laboratory Career Field Manager. In this capacity, she served as the senior representative for the career field, providing clinical, readiness, personnel, and education and training guidance across the Military Health System. Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Col Buikema graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and received her commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 2003. She is certified by the American Society for Clinical Pathology as a Medical Laboratory Scientist and Specialist in Blood Banking. Col Buikema has led multiple laboratory teams and enlisted Phase II laboratory training programs across the Air Force. Additionally, she has served multiple assignments as a squadron commander, and, in 2010, she deployed to the NATO Role 3 theater hospital at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## Sequence of Events

Opening Narration

Arrival of Official Party

Presentation of the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation

Remarks by Col Keller

Remarks by Col Forsythe

Last Salute

Change of Command

Remarks by Col Buikema

First Salute

Closing Narration

Air Force Song

Departure of Official Party

Reception

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