

**2853 ABW Commanders  
1 Aug 1953 – 16 Oct 64**

Colonel Leroy Hudson, 1 Aug 53 – 10 Jun 54  
Col Wesley S. Calverly, 11 Jun 54 – 13 Jun 55  
Lt Col William E. Sawrie, 14 Jul 55 – 1 Sep 55  
Col Norman C. Spencer, 1 Sep 55 – 15 Jun 57  
Lt Col William E. Sawrie, 15 Jun 57 – 2 Oct 57  
Col Joseph S. Peddie, 2 Oct 57 – 1 Sep 58  
Col Earl D. Duncan, 1 Sep 58 – 4 Dec 61  
Col Clifford V. Warden, 4 Dec 61 – 22 Jul 63  
Lt Col John A. Sanda, 22 Jul 63 – 2 Sep 63  
Col Robert A. Shafer 2 Sep 63 – 7 May 64  
Lt Col Earl E. Frink, 8 May 64 – 30 Jun 64  
Col William E. Gibbons, 1 Jul 64 – 16 Oct 64

**2853 ABW redesignated 2853 ABG on 16 Oct 64**

**2853 ABG Commanders  
16 Oct 1964 – 1 Oct 92**

Col William E. Gibbons, 16 Oct 64 – 31 May 67  
Col Andrew A. Chaffin, 1 Jul 67 – 1 Oct 69  
Col Frank W. Metheney, 1 Oct 69 – 1 Jun 73  
Col Frederick F. Shriner, 1 Jul 73 – 1 Aug 74  
Col Stillman V. Taylor, 1 Sep 74 – 1 May 75  
Col Edward Young, 1 May 75 – 1 Oct 76  
Col Leslie C. Candee, 1 Oct 76 – 1 Jun 78  
Col Fred E. Pirkey, 1 Aug 78 – 1 Aug 79  
Col Howard W. McWhorter, 1 Aug 79 – 1 Apr 80  
Col Frederick C. Anderson, 1 Apr 80 – 1 Jun 81  
Col Charles E. Pugh, 8 Jun 81 – 16 Nov 81  
Col Leroy W. Thornal, 16 Nov 81 – 26 Oct 82  
Col Bobby G. Graham, 26 Oct 82 – 15 Aug 86

Col Billy G. Edenfield, 15 Aug 86 – 27 Oct 89

Col Lawrence A. Stone, 27 Oct 89 – 7 Aug 92

**653 Support Group  
1 Oct 92 – 1 Oct 94**

Col Patrick M Bartness, 1 Oct 92 - 25 Feb 94

Col Jack D. Ward, 25 Feb 94 -1 Oct 94

**78 ABW Commanders  
(1 October 1994 Activated Wing)**

Col Jack D. Ward, 1 Oct 94 -12 Jul 96

Col William J. Evans Jr., 12 Jul 96 – 30 Jun 98

Col James J. Mecsics, 30 Jun 98 – 24 Feb 00

Col Jay E. Seward II, 24 Feb 00 – 1 Mar 02

Col Bonnie C. Cirrincione, 1 Mar 02 – 27 Jan 03

Col Marvin T. Smoot, 27 Jan 03 – 2 Jul 04

Col Greg F. Patterson, 2 Jul 04 to 12 Jan 06 Col

Theresa C. Carter, 12 Jan 06 to 11 Jan 08 Col.

Warren Berry, 11 Jan 08 to 1 Jul 09

Col. Carl A. Buhler, 8 Jul 09 to 27 Jun 11

Col. Mitchel H. Butikofer, 27 Jun 11 to 7 Jun 13

Col. Christopher D. Hill, Jun 13 to June 15

Col Jeffrey N. King, June 15 to July 17

Col. Lyle K. Drew, July 17 to July 19

Col. Brian R. Moore, July 19 to June 21

Col. Lindsay Droz, June 21 to Present

Current as of July 1, 2021