

**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 1996 – 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 2004 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, 7 Jun 13 to Present