



# BIOGRAPHY



## MAJOR THOMAS D. SENA

Major Thomas D. Sena is a Foreign Area Officer and Air Advisor with the 818th Mobility Support Advisory Squadron at Joint Base McGuire- Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. Currently serving as an Assistant Director of Operations to serve effectively as a Foreign Area Officer and Air Advisor for the African region. Primary duties include maximizing linguist, regional expertise, and cultural knowledge to serve as the tactical executor for Security Cooperation and building partnership missions in developing African partner's aviation security enterprise to support the United States' National Defense Strategy; to develop the partner nations' practical and tactical capabilities to combat against regional threats; and to protect the United States' interests in the region.



Major Sena is a native of Southern California. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2008. Major Sena completed his Masters of Science degree through American Military University, and his Masters of Arts in National Strategic studies in African Affairs. As a career Civil Engineer Officer, he has served as a Program Manager for the Programming Flight during the critical joint-basing transition period for Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Major Sena also served as a staff officer at the Fifth Air Force Headquarters and managed Host Nation funded projects for the three Air Force Bases across Japan. Then, Major Sena served as the Director of Operation for the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron at Incirlik Turkey where he led 46 military and 437 contractor providing base engineering support for three NATO bases across Turkey. Major Sena's deployment includes time with the Nangarhar Provincial Reconstruction Team as the Deputy Military Engineer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

### EDUCATION

2008 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO  
2008 Air and Space Basic Course, Air University; Maxwell AFB, AL  
2009 AF Civil Engineer Basic Course, Air Force Institute of Technology; Wright-Patterson AFB, OH  
2013 Squadron Officer School (By-Correspondence), Air University; Maxwell AFB, AL  
2014 Master of Science, Space Studies in Aerospace, American Military University, Charles Town, WV  
2014 Squadron Officer School (In-Residence), Air University; Maxwell AFB, AL  
2016 French, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, CA  
2018 Masters of Art, National Strategic Studies in African Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2008 - August 2010, Prime BEEF Manager, Program Manager, and Chief of Maintenance Engineering, 62d Civil Engineer Squadron; McChord AFB, WA
2. August 2010 – August 2013, Chief, Misawa Program Manager, Staff Officer at Headquarters Fifth Air Force, Yokota AB, JA
3. August 2013 – October 2015, Director of Operations; Quality Assurance Flight Commander; 39th Civil Engineer Squadron, Incirlik AB, TU
4. November 2015 – December 2016, Student; 311th Student Training Squadron, Presidio of Monterey, CA
5. January 2017 – April 2018, Student; Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA
6. May 2018 – Present, Plans Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, Foreign Area Officer – Air Advisor, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ

**DEPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

1. (19 October 2011-26 February 2012, Provincial Reconstruction Team Training; Camp Atterbury, IN)  
26 February 2012 – 17 October 2012, Nangarhar Provincial Reconstruction Team Deputy Military Engineer; FOB Finley-Shields, Jalalabad, Nangarhar, Afghanistan

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Nation Defense Service Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Humanitarian Medal

**OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

2010, Kensei Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, Oct - Dec; Yokota AFB, JA  
2011, Team Yokota Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, Jan - Mar; Yokota AFB, JA  
2012, Combat Golden Spurs, 4th Infantry Division, 3-61 Cavalry Squadron; Nangarhar, Afghanistan  
2013, Fifth Air Force League of United Latin American Citizens Excellence Award; Yokota AFB, JA  
2013, Fifth Air Force Lance P. Sijan Award; Yokota AFB, JA  
2013, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Year, Jan-Dec; Incirlik AB, TR

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

United States Air Force Academy Associate of Graduates (USAFA AOG)  
Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)  
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineer (SHPE)

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant: 28 May 2008  
First Lieutenant: 28 May 2010  
Captain: 28 May 2012  
Major: 1 Feb 2018

*(Current as of 18 September 2018)*