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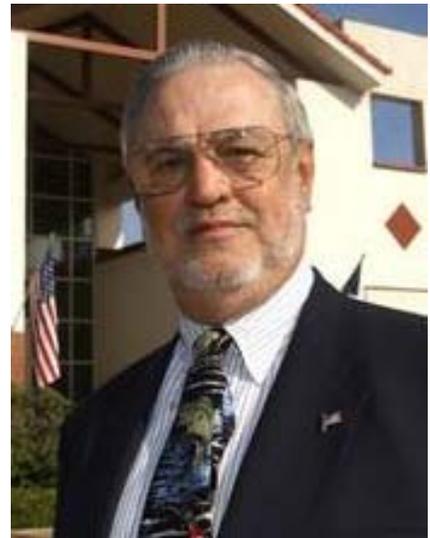
## DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY—SAN ANTONIO

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### MICHAEL R. KINCHEN

Michael R. Kinchen is Director, Defense Media Activity-Air Force Production, Defense Media Activity, San Antonio, Texas. He centrally manages and directs operations for Air Force news and products.

Mr. Kinchen was born in DeLeon, Texas, and graduated from Tascosa High School, Amarillo, Texas, in 1960. He entered the Air Force in 1961 and served more than 23 years in public affairs while on active duty. His experience included work in print and broadcast media along with public relations and resources management. He began as a base newspaper editor, and edited four base newspapers during his years in public affairs. He was dual qualified as a broadcaster and served overseas in Armed Forces Radio and Television Service assignments. Mr. Kinchen was a winner of Air Force and Department of Defense media contest awards in both print and broadcast media.



He is a charter member of the Air Force Broadcasting Service, joining its staff as the first Chief of the Operations Division in January 1981, a unique position created as part of a DOD-directed consolidation of all Air Force AFRTS management functions. He became the first AFBS Chief of Broadcasting in December 1982 and remained in that position until he retired from active duty as a chief master sergeant in March 1985. Mr. Kinchen returned to the Air Force as a civil service employee in October 1985 as the Deputy Director of Policy and Programs for the AFBS Directorate, and he later became the directorate's Deputy Director for Plans and Operations. In February 1998, he was appointed Director, AFBS, and served in that capacity until 2007. In October 2008, his position as Director of Operations transitioned from Air Force News Agency to the Defense Media Activity-San Antonio. He assumed his current position in 2010.

#### EDUCATION:

1962 Broadcast Course, U.S. Army Information School, Fort Slocum, N.Y.  
1964 Journalism Course, Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.  
1977 Air Force Short Course in Communications, University of Oklahoma, Norman  
1978 Senior Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala  
1979 Senior Public Affairs NCO Course, DINFOS, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.  
1987 Senior Public Affairs Officer Course, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.  
1996 Executive Development Course, Office of Management and Budget, Lancaster, Pa.

#### CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

1. August 1961 – March 1985, active-duty Air Force
2. October 1985 – February 1993, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Air Force Broadcasting Service Directorate, Headquarters Air Force News Agency, San Antonio, Texas

3. February 1993 – February 1998, Deputy Director, Plans and Operations, Air Force Broadcasting Service Directorate, Headquarters Air Force News Agency, San Antonio, Texas
4. February 1998 – August 2007, Director, Air Force Broadcasting Service, Headquarters Air Force News Agency, San Antonio, Texas
5. August 2007 – September 2008, Director, Operations, Headquarters Air Force News Agency, San Antonio, Texas
6. October 2008 – October 2010, Director, Operations, Defense Media Activity-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
7. October 2010 - Director, Defense Media Activity-Air Force Production, Defense Media Activity, San Antonio, Texas

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Director's Award, AFRTS

Colonel Tom Lewis Award for Lifetime Achievement, AFRTS

(Current as of October 2010)