

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



COLONEL DONALD J. BACON

Colonel Donald Bacon is the Deputy Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. As the U.S. Air Forces in Europe component numbered air force for U.S. European Command, Third Air Force is responsible for supporting European Command Commander's strategic objectives across the full range of military operations. The Third Air Force directs all Air Force operations within the European Command area of responsibility and includes the 603d Air and Space Operations Center, ten USAFE wings and three stand-alone groups.

Colonel Bacon entered the Air Force in 1985 through Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He served in numerous operational and staff assignments at base level, Numbered Air Force and Headquarters Air Force. His assignments include command of the 435th Air Base Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Chief of Special Operations and Intelligence Information, Multi-National Force, Iraq; Commander, 55th Electronic Combat Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; and Executive Officer to the Chief of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

- 1979 American International Student Program, Aberdeen University, Scotland
- 1984 Bachelor of arts in political science and minor in history, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill.
- 1984 Internship with Congressman Edward Madigan, Washington, D.C.
- 1986 Officer Intelligence School (Distinguished Graduate), Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.
- 1989 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1991 Navigator/Electronic Warfare School (Distinguished Graduate), Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
- 1995 Masters degree in management, University of Phoenix, Ariz.
- 1998 Air Command and Staff College (Distinguished Graduate), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2000 Air War College Seminar (Excellent Graduate), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2004 National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 Fundamentals to Acquisition Course, Defense Acquisition University (on-line course)
- 2006 Seminar XXI, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 Leadership Development Program, Eckerd College Leadership Development Institute, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 2009 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1985 - October 1985, student, Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. October 1985 - May 1986, student, Officer Intelligence School, 3470th Training Squadron, Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.
3. May 1986 - February 1989, command, control and communications intel analyst and chief, Offensive Missile Analysis Team, 544th Intelligence Analysis Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
4. February 1989 - February 1990, CINCSAC intel briefer, Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
5. February 1990 - August 1990, indications and warning officer, 13th Air Force Headquarters, Clark Air Base, Philippines
6. August 1990 - February 1991, squadron intel officer, 3d Tactical Fighter Squadron, Clark Air Base, Philippines
7. February 1991 - April 1992, student, Navigator and Electronic Warfare Schools, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
8. April 1992 - July 1994, EC-130H/COMPASS CALL mission crew commander and flight commander, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
9. July 1994 - February 1996, executive officer, 355th Operations Group, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base,
10. February 1996 - August 1997, assistant director of operations and chief of standardization and evaluation, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
11. August 1997 - June 1998, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

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12. June 1998 - June 2000, chief, electronic warfare officer training, 45th Reconnaissance Squadron and chief of wing protocol, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

13. June 2000 - June 2001, operations officer, 355th Operations Support Squadron and 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

14. June 2001 - March 2002, executive officer to the commander, 12th Air Force, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

15. March 2002 - July 2003, commander, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

16. August 2003 - June 2004, student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

17. June 2004 - April 2006, chief, space and enterprises integration division, Headquarters Air Force, and executive officer to Chief of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

18. April 2006 - May 2007, commander, 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

19. May 2007 - June 2008, chief, Special Operations and Intelligence Information, Multi-National Force, Iraq

20. July 2008 - June 2009, commander, 435th Air Base Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

21. June 2009 - present, deputy commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Evaluator/Instructor/Master Navigator (EWO)

Flight Hours: More than 1,600

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant August 1985

First Lieutenant August 1987

Captain August 1989

Major June 1997

Lieutenant Colonel May 2000

Colonel July 2005

(Current as of January 2011)