



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MICHAEL J. FELLONA

Colonel Michael J. Fellona is the Vice Commander, 317th Airlift Wing, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. He assists the Commander in ensuring the readiness of over 1,100 active-duty military and civilian personnel, along with 28 C-130J aircraft engaged in worldwide combat aerial delivery operations.

Colonel Fellona, a native of Arnold, Maryland, was commissioned in 1996 with a degree in Environmental Engineering from the US Air Force Academy. He has held operational flying assignments at Ramstein AB, Germany, Pope AFB, North Carolina, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas and Dyess AFB, Texas. Colonel Fellona is a graduate of the US Air Force Weapons School and later returned as a member of the instructor cadre. Col Fellona is also a certified US Air Force linguist and Foreign Area Officer (FAO) and has served in various international assignments including the NATO Force Command Headquarters in Madrid, Spain and US European Command Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany. Col Fellona attended the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy where he earned a postgraduate certificate (with merit) in Post-Cold War World Order from Leicester University, United Kingdom.



Colonel Fellona is a command pilot with over 3,200 hours in multiple variants of the C-130 aircraft, flying in support of Operations JOINT FORGE/GUARDIAN, ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

#### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Environmental Engineering, US Air Force Academy, CO  
2002 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2003 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV  
2006 Air Command and Staff College by Correspondence  
2008 Associate of Arts, Spanish, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, CA  
2008 Masters of Science, International Relations – National Security Studies, Troy University, AL  
2009 IDE Command and General Staff College, WHINSEC, Ft Benning, GA  
2011 Air War College by Correspondence  
2018 NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy  
2019 Post Graduate Certificate, Leicester University, United Kingdom

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1996 - July 1997, Student UPT, Laughlin AFB, TX
2. July 1997 - March 1998, Student UPT, Corpus Christi, TX
3. September 1998 - September 2001, Pilot, Central Scheduler, 37 AS, Ramstein AB, Germany
4. September 2001 - October 2004, ADO Combat Tactics, Evaluator Pilot, 41 AS, Pope AFB, NC
5. October 2004 - August 2007, ADO 29 WPS, USAF Weapons School, Little Rock AFB, AR
6. August 2007 - May 2008, Student, 311 TRS, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Mont, CA
7. May 2008 - June 2009, Student, IDE Command and General Staff College, WHINSEC, Ft Benning, GA
8. June 2009 - June 2011, Aerospace Staff Officer, NATO FCMD, Madrid, Spain
9. June 2011 - September 2012, Director of Operations, 50 AS, Little Rock AFB, AR

10. September 2012 - April 2013, Chief of Safety, 19 AW, Little Rock AFB, AR
11. April 2013 - April 2015, Commander, 50 AS, Little Rock AFB, AR
12. April 2015 - June 2015, Deputy Commander, 19 OG, Little Rock AFB, AR
13. June 2015 - April 2016, Chief, North/Central Europe Branch HQ EUCOM J5/8, Stuttgart, Germany
14. April 2016 - August 2017, Senior Executive Officer, HQ EUCOM J5/8, Stuttgart, Germany
15. August 2017 - July 2018, Student, NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy
16. July 2018 - July 2020, Director of USAFCENT and 9 AF Safety, Shaw AFB, SC
17. July 2020 - Present, Vice Commander, 317 AW, Dyess AFB, TX

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2009 - June 2011, Aerospace Staff Officer, NATO FCMD, Madrid, Spain as a major
2. June 2015 - August 2017, Branch Chief and Senior Executive Officer, HQ EUCOM J5/8, Stuttgart, Germany as a lieutenant colonel

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot Flight Hours: 3,230

Combat Hours: 319

Aircraft Flown: C-130E/H, C-130J, T-37 and T-44

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      May 29, 1996

First Lieutenant        May 29, 1998

Captain                    May 29, 2000

Major                      May 01, 2006

Lt Colonel                Jul. 01, 2011

Colonel                    Oct. 01, 2017

(Current as of August 2021)