



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL D. MICAH FESLER

Brig. Gen. D. Micah Fesler is the Assistant Adjutant General of Colorado for Air, and the Commander, Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley Space Force Base, Colorado. He is the principal advisor to The Adjutant General on all COANG matters. General Fesler is responsible for the mission readiness and operational effectiveness of more than 1,700 military personnel serving at four locations. He also oversees the development of operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces in support of national defense requirements and emergency response, relief and recovery operations throughout Colorado.

General Fesler graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and earned his commission through ROTC that same year. General Fesler is a graduate of, and instructed at, the United States Air Force Weapons School in both the F-15C and the F-22A. He is a graduate of the National Security Fellowship at the Harvard, John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Seminar XXI Fellowship.

Having served in a variety of flying and non-flying operational, educational, training, and staff assignments including multiple tours in the F-15C, F-22A, and F-16C, General Fesler has commanded at both the squadron and wing level. He has participated in numerous joint and coalition exercises and has flown combat in the F-15C and F-22A over Iraq and Syria. Prior to his current assignment, General Fesler served as the Chief of Staff for Air, Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley Space Force Base, Colorado.



EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
2003 U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2010 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2011 Master of Applied Science, Environmental Policy & Management, University of Denver, Denver, Colo.
2015 Air War College, by correspondence
2017 National Security Fellow, Harvard, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.
2019 Seminar XXI Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1996 - June 1998, student, Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT), Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. July 1998 - January 1999, student pilot; Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. February 1999 - August 2002, F-15C Instructor Pilot and Assistant Chief of Weapons, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
4. September 2002 - November 2004, F-15C Instructor Pilot and Weapons Officer, 390th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
5. December 2004 - June 2007, F-15C USAF Weapons School Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, 433rd Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
6. July 2007 - December 2009, F-22 Initial Cadre and USAF Weapons School Chief Instructor Pilot, 433rd Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. January 2010 - July 2012, Chief of Advanced Programs, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. August 2012 - June 2014, Chief Air National Guard 5th Generation Fighter Division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
9. July 2014 - June 2016, Commander, 149th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.

10. July 2016 - July 2017, National Security Fellow, Harvard, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.
11. July 2017 - May 2018, Director of CNGB Strategic Analysis, Futures, and Initiatives (J59), National Guard Bureau, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. May 2018 – July 2019, Special Access Program Coordinator, Joint Staff J-8, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
13. August 2019 – August 2021, Commander, 140th Wing, Buckley SFB, Co.
14. August 2021 - January 2023, Chief of Staff-Air, Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley Space Force Base, Colorado
15. January 2023 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Colorado National Guard, Buckley Space Force Base, Colorado

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,200

Aircraft flown: T-3, T-37, T-38A, AT-38B, F-15 A/C/D, F-16C/D, F-22A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

AF Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 27, 1996

First Lieutenant June 27, 1998

Captain June 27, 2000

Major July 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 15, 2012

Colonel April 28, 2017

Brigadier General December 31, 2021

(Current as of January 2023)