



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DAVID F. ELLIS

Colonel David F. “Doc” Ellis is the Director, Commanders’ Professional Development School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is responsible for the planning and daily conduct of the Air Force’s Wing Commander, Group Commander, and Incident Management Courses as well as the Wing Commander Spouse Seminar graduating over 500 Senior Air Force Leaders and 800 Incident Management students annually.

Colonel Ellis entered the Air Force in 1985 as a graduate from the United States Air Force Academy. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, and earned his wings in 1986. He has been an instructor in three aircraft and also served as a Presidential Airlift Support Pilot in the 89th Airlift Wing. Col Ellis also served as Chief, Personnel Division, Directorate of Manpower and Personnel, Headquarters Air Mobility Command. Prior to his arrival at Maxwell, Colonel Ellis was Vice Commander of the 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. Colonel Ellis is a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flight time. He has flown combat and combat support missions during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.



EDUCATION

- 1985 Bachelor of Science, USAF Academy CO
- 1992 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base AL
- 1996 Masters in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University FL
- 1997 Armed Forces Service College, Norfolk VA
- 1999 Marine Command & Staff College, Quantico VA
- 2005 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base AL
- 2005 Masters in Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1985-Aug 1986, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base MS
2. Aug 1986-Sep 1987, Pilot, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base NE
3. Oct 1987-Aug 1989, SELO, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base NE
4. Sep 1989-Mar 1990, Aircraft Commander, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base NE
5. Apr 1990-Jun 1991, Instructor Pilot, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base NE
6. Jun 1991-Sep 1993, Stan/Eval Chief Pilot, 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base NE
7. Sep 1993-Nov 1994, Special Missions Pilot, 1st Airlift Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base MD
8. Nov 1994-Apr 1996, Dir, Current Ops/Instr Pilot, 1st Airlift Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base MD
9. Apr 1996-July 1999, Chief, Bomber/Mobility Assignments, AF Colonels Group, AF Pentagon VA
10. July 1999-June 2000, Student, Marine Corps Command & Staff College, MCB Quantico VA
11. June 2000-Dec 2000, Operations Officer 96th Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base WA
12. Dec 2000-June 2002, Chief of Safety 92nd Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base WA
13. June 2002-June 2004, Commander 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base WA
14. July 2004-July 2005, Student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base AL
15. June 2005-June 2007, Deputy Commander, 6th Operations Group, MacDill Air Force Base FL

16. June 2007–June 2008, Chief, Personnel Division, Directorate of Manpower and Personnel, Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base IL
17. June 2008–July 2010, Vice Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base TX
18. July 2010–Present, Director, Commanders' Professional Development School, Maxwell Air Force Base AL

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 5,600

Aircraft flown: KC-135A/E/R, RC-135U/V/W, VC-137, C-135, T38, T37, T1

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and six oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 29 May 85

First Lieutenant 29 May 87

Captain 29 May 89

Major 1 Sep 97

Lieutenant Colonel 1 Sep 01

Colonel 1 Apr 07