



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL TAYLOR T. FERRELL

Col Taylor T. Ferrell is the commander of the 18th Operations Group, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan. He commands nearly 900 people in nine squadrons and 80 F-15, KC-135, HH-60, and E-3 aircraft valued at more than \$4 billion. The 18th Operations Group performs all 18th Wing flying, as well as aeromedical and combat rescue missions, in support of U.S. and allied interests. As the commander of the 18th Expeditionary Operations Group, Col Ferrell commands more than 300 people in three squadrons and four aircraft which perform daily Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance missions.

Col Ferrell graduated from Centre College in 2000 and received his commission from the University of Kentucky ROTC program. He commanded the 57th Operations Support Squadron and served as the Deputy Commander of the 414th Combat Training Squadron. He is a graduate of F-15C Weapons School and served as the USAFWS F-15C Chief Instructor Pilot. He has flown homeland defense missions in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE and is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at the National Defense University. Prior to his current position, he served as the United States Forces Korea J5 Strategy and Policy Division Chief, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea.



Colonel Ferrell is a command pilot with 1,850 hours in the F-15C/D.

EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, Centre College, Danville, Ky.
- 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2007 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2011 Master of Aerospace Science Technology, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 2013 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2014 Master of Philosophy in Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2000 – February 2001, Scheduler, 19th Operations Support Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
2. February 2001 – February 2002, Student, UPT, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. June 2002 – February 2003, Student, F-15C FTU, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. February 2003 – January 2006, Chief of Training, F-15C IP, 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
5. January 2006 – June 2007, Flight Commander, 1st/2nd Fighter Squadrons, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
6. June 2007 – January 2008, Student, United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. January 2008 – January 2009, F-15C Weapons Officer, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. January 2009 – June 2012, F-15C WICIP, 433d Weapons Squadron, and Aide-de Camp for the Commander, United States Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. June 2012 – June 2013, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. June 2013 – June 2014, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2014 – June 2015, Deputy Commander, 414th Combat Training Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
12. June 2015 – June 2017, Commander, 57th Operations Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

13. June 2017 – July 2018, Student, Dwight D. Eisenhower School, NDU, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.
14. July 2018 – May 2020, Chief, United States Forces Korea J5 Strategy & Policy Division, Camp Humphreys United States Army Garrison, Republic of Korea
15. May 2020 – Present, Commander, 18th Operations Group, Kadena AB, Japan

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2018 – May 2020, Chief, United States Forces Korea J5 Strategy & Policy Division, Camp Humphreys USAG, Republic of Korea, as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 1,850

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38 and F-15C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 16, 2000

First Lieutenant June 16, 2002

Captain June 16, 2004

Major May 1, 2010

Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2015

Colonel March 1, 2019

(Current as of June 2020)