



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ALAN R. METZLER

Colonel Alan R. Metzler is the Commander, 586th Air Expeditionary Group, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Southwest Asia. In this position, he commands two squadrons and five teams at four geographically separated locations. He is responsible for providing more than 650 ground-combat Airmen filling U.S. Army combat support and combat service support requirements in Iraq and Kuwait. The Group's Airmen conduct Combat Logistics Convoys, Base Defense, Area Security Operations, Detainee Visitation, Explosive Detection, Chapel Ministry, and Testing Control.

Colonel Metzler is a career Security Forces officer and has served in a variety of operational, command, and staff duties. His operational experience includes service in two Air Force Fighter Wings, a Bomb Wing, a Missile Wing, a Space Wing, an Air Expeditionary Wing, and a German Fighter Wing. His staff tours include service on the National Security Council in the Executive Office of the President, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he served as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and on the Air Staff, where he served as the Speechwriter to the Secretary of the Air Force and as the Chief of the Communications Team for the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff. In addition, he has served as a member of the Commander's Action Group at Headquarters, Air Combat Command; as Executive Officer to the Director of Security Forces, Headquarters, Air Combat Command; and as a Nuclear Security Instructor at the NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany.



Colonel Metzler was commissioned through the Air Force Officer Training School in 1987 after graduating with High Honors from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and is a distinguished graduate of the National War College and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He holds three Masters Degrees: National Security Strategy, Military Arts and Sciences, and Public Administration.

EDUCATION

- 1985 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & Law and Society, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- 1992 USAF Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1993 Masters of Public Administration, Troy State University
- 1997 Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Quantico, VA
- 2000 US Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2005 National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C. (Distinguished Graduate)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 87 – May 88, Flight Security Officer, 91st Missile Security Squadron, 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, ND
2. May 88 – Jul 89, Shift Commander, 5th Security Police Squadron, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, ND
3. Jul 89 – Jun 92, Shift Commander, 20th Security Police Squadron, 20th Fighter Wing, RAF Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
4. Aug 92 – Dec 93, Chief, Security Police, Command Post Controller, 605th Munitions Support Squadron, 34th Fighter Bomber Wing, Memmingen AB, Germany
5. Jan 94 – Jul 96, Commander, Operations Flight & Chief, Training and Resources Flight, 21st Security Policy Squadron, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, CO
6. Aug 96 – Dec 96, Deputy Provost Marshal, US Support Group, Port au Prince, Haiti
7. Jan 97 – Mar 98, Executive Officer, HQ ACC Security Forces, Langley AFB, VA
8. Mar 98 – Jun 99, ACC Briefing Team, Commander's Action Group, HQ ACC, Langley AFB, VA
9. Jul 99 – Jun 00, Student, US Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico VA
10. Jul 00 – May 02, Commander, 4th Security Forces Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, VA
11. May 02 – Jul 04, Chief, Communications Team and Speechwriter to the Secretary of the Air Force, HQ USAF, The Pentagon, Washington D.C.
12. Aug 04 – May 05, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
13. Jun 05 – Feb 08, Military Assistant, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington D.C.
14. Feb 08 – Jul 08, Director for Outreach, National Security Council, Executive Office of the President, Washington D.C.
15. Jul 08 – Present, Commander, 586th Air Expeditionary Group, Southwest Asia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal with device

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1991 Best in Air Force Large Unit Award, RAF Upper Heyford, United Kingdom
2000 US Marine Corps Warfighting Writing Award
2000 DoD Best Installation Antiterrorism Award, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
2001 Best in Air Force Medium Unit Award, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	13 May 1987
First Lieutenant	13 May 1989
Captain	13 May 1991
Major	1 Nov 1998
Lieutenant Colonel	1 Mar 2002
Colonel	1 Mar 2006

(Current as of May 2009)