



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL BRANDON E. BAKER

Colonel Brandon E. Baker is Chief, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Capabilities Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. In this position, he leads a cross-functional, civilian, military, and contractor team as the Air Force focal point for all unmanned aircraft systems. He advises senior Air Force leaders on Department of Defense unmanned aircraft future vision, strategic planning, systems operations, and integration. He also develops strategies for acquisition, fielding of aircraft/sensor capabilities, communications and encryption integration, and manpower and resources required for sustainment. Colonel Baker is the Air Force liaison to Congress, the intelligence community, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, and the other Services to advocate for Air Force remotely piloted aircraft forces and assets to United States Combatant Commanders.



Colonel Baker was commissioned in 1992 following graduation from the United States Air Force Academy. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas and earned his pilot wings in 1994. His staff duties include a major command tour and two tours at Headquarters U.S. Air Force. Colonel Baker is a command pilot with more than 2,100 flying hours in the T-37, T-1A, KC-135R/T, T-34C, TG-3/4/7/9/10B/C/D, and RQ-4A/B. He has flown 291 combat support hours supporting operations Deny Flight, Southern Watch, Constant Vigil, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Colonel Baker formed and commanded the first Remotely Piloted Aircraft squadron in the Pacific theater.

EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2004 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2006 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2008 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Feb 1993 – Feb 1994, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Reese AFB, TX
2. Feb 1994 – Aug 1994, Student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, CA
3. Aug 1994 – Mar 1997, Stan/Eval Liaison Officer, 92nd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, WA
4. Mar 1997 – Jun 1997, Student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, Altus AFB, CA
5. Jun 1997 – Nov 1997, Aircraft Commander, 92nd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, WA
6. Nov 1997 – Feb 1998, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. Feb 1998 – Feb 2001, Flight Commander, PIT Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, Training Squadron FOUR (VT-4), Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL
8. Feb 2001 – Jun 2002, Chief, Standardization and Evaluation, Evaluator/ Functional Check Pilot, 94th Flying Training Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
9. June 2002 – May 2003, Executive Officer, 34th Operations Group, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
10. May 2003 – Mar 2004, Assistant Director of Operations, 94th Flying Training Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO

11. Mar 2004 – Jul 2005, Action Officer, Plans and Programs Directorate, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX
12. Jul 2005 – Jun 2006, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
13. Jun 2006 – Apr 2008, Chief, RQ-4 Operations, 12th Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale AFB, CA
14. Apr 2008 – Jun 2009, Director of Operations, 9th Operations Support Squadron, Beale AFB, CA
15. Jun 2009 – Jun 2011, Commander, 9th Operations Group, Detachment 3, Andersen AFB, GU
16. Jun 2011 – Jun 2013, Chief, ISR Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
17. Jun 2013 – Jun 2014, Deputy Chief, C2ISR Capability Requirements Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. Jun 2014 – Present, Chief, RPA Capabilities Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Ratings: Command Pilot; Parachutist

Flight Hours: More than 2,100

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-1A, KC-135R/T, T-34C, TG-3/4/7/9/10B/C/D, RQ-4A/B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Navy Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Navy Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

AF Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

AF Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1992

First Lieutenant May 27, 1994

Captain May 27, 1996

Major December 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2007

Colonel January 1, 2014

(Current as of July 2015)