



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JAMES C. MCFARLAND

Colonel James McFarland is the Commander of the 613th Air Operations Center. He is responsible to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces and Theater Joint Forces Air Component Commander, for command and control of joint air operations in the Pacific, to include mobility, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, space, cyberspace, and kinetic operations. The Center provides Homeland Defense through Operation NOBLE EAGLE bolstering regional alliances and relationships in support of the United States Indo-Pacific Command and Department of Defense.

Colonel McFarland entered the Air Force upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy in 1999. He is a Distinguished Graduate of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Squadron Officer School, and Air Command and Staff College. He is also a graduate of and former instructor at the USAF Weapons School, and a graduate of the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies and the Eisenhower School.

He has served in various operational and staff positions across NORTHCOM, PACOM, and CENTCOM areas of responsibility in support of Operations NOBLE EAGLE, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE. Colonel McFarland previously served as a squadron commander, deputy group commander, group commander, and vice wing commander. He is a command pilot with more than 2,300 flight hours in various fighter aircraft. Prior to this assignment the colonel served as the Vice Commander 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.



EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Top Third Graduate)
2006 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2010 Master of Science, Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (Distinguished Graduate)
2011 Master of Philosophy, Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2018 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1999 - December 2000, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. January 2001 - November 2001, Student, F-15C Formal Training Unit, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. December 2001 - August 2004, F-15C Instructor and Assistant Chief of Wing Weapons, 60th FS and 33rd Operations Support Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. September 2004 - May 2007, Chief of Warfighting and Readiness, 18th Operations Group, and F-15C Weapons Officer, 67th FS, Kadena Air Base, Japan
5. June 2007 - June 2010, United States Air Force Weapons School F-15C Instructor, 433d Weapons Squadron, Nellis

AFB, Nev.

6. February 2009 - June 2009, Special Projects Officer to the Combined Force Air Component Commander, Air Force Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
7. July 2010 - June 2011, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. July 2011 - June 2012, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2012 - June 2013, Chief of Strategy and Plans, 611th Air and Space Operations Center, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
10. July 2013 - June 2015, Director of Operations, 44th FS, Kadena AB, Japan
11. July 2015 - August 2016, Commander, 67th Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
12. August 2016 - July 2017, Deputy Commander, 18th Operations Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan
13. August 2017 - June 2018, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.
14. July 2018 – January 2019, Chief of Current Operations, Combined Joint Task Force Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Union III, Baghdad, Iraq
15. January 2019 – August 2019, Chief of Staff, Joint Operations Command-Iraq, Combined Joint Task Force Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Union III, Baghdad, Iraq
16. August 2019 - July 2022, Vice Commander, 33d Fighter Wing, and from December 2021 – June 2022, Commander, 33d Maintenance Group, Eglin AFB, Fla.
17. August 2022 - Present, Commander, 613th Air Operations Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,300

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-15 A-D, F-35A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, June 1999

First Lieutenant, June 2001

Captain, June 2003

Major, December 2008

Lieutenant Colonel, November 2013

Colonel, May 2018

(Current as of 4 May 2022)