



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Colonel Tyler J. Ellison

Colonel Tyler Ellison is the Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Air Education and Training Command, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. The wing consists of 2,800 personnel conducting undergraduate pilot training for more than 700 United States Air Force and allied student pilots each year. The wing operates 162 aircraft, consisting of T-6A and T-38C, and flies more than 51,000 hours and more than 38,000 sorties annually. The Wing also supports elements of Joint Task Force – Southern Border as part of USNORTHCOM's efforts to secure and seal the southern border, ensuring U.S. territorial integrity.

Colonel Ellison entered the Air Force in 2002 after receiving his commission from the United States Air Force Academy. He has served in multiple fighter squadrons, commanded at the squadron level, served as a Fighter Wing Deputy Commander, and held positions on both MAJCOM and Combatant Command staffs. Additionally, while deployed to the 609th Combined Air Operations Center as the Director of Combat Operations, his division played an integral role in the largest non-combatant evacuation in U.S. history as part of Operation ALLIES REGUE. Prior to his current position, Col. Ellison served as the Deputy Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.



Col Ellison is a command pilot with more than 2,000 hours in multiple aircraft, having flown the F-15C, F-16, F-22, and T-38, and flown missions in support of NATO operations, PACOM Theater Security Packages, and Operation NOBLE EAGLE air sovereignty missions.

EDUCATION

- 2002 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2010 Masters of Business Administration, Trident University, Cypress, CA
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence)
- 2020 Master's Degree in National Security Strategy, Naval War College, Newport, RI
- 2020 Graduate Certificate Leadership and Ethics, Naval War College, Newport, RI

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2002 – April 2003, Student, Phase I/II Undergraduate Pilot Training, 479th Flying Training Group, Moody Air Force Base, GA.
2. April 2003 – October 2003, Student, Phase III Undergraduate Pilot Training class, 50th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, MS.
3. April 2004 – July 2004, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, 435th Fighter Training Squadron, Moody AFB, GA.
4. August 2004 – April 2005, Student, F-15C basic qualification course, 1st Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL.
5. April 2005 – February 2008, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 390th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID.
6. February 2008 – February 2009, Chief of Plans and Exercises, 607th Air Support Operations Group, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.
7. July 2009 – June 2011, Weapons & Tactics Flight Commander, 525th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK.
8. July 2011 – July 2012, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA.
9. November 2012 – November 2015, Operations Officer, United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV.
10. May 2016 – June 2017, Inspector General, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, FL.
11. June 2017 – July 2019, Commander, 325th Operations Support Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL.
12. June 2019 – June 2020, Student, Naval War College, Newport, RI.
13. June 2020 – June 2021, Deputy Director, Central Command Legislative Affairs, MacDill AFB, FL.
14. June 2021 – June 2022, Director, Combat Operations Division, 609th Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar.
15. July 2022 – June 2024, Deputy Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley Eustis, VA.
16. June 2024 – Present, Commander, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2020 – June 2021, Deputy Director, United States Central Command Legislative Affairs, MacDill AFB, FL, as Lieutenant Colonel
2. June 2021 – June 2022, Director, Combat Operations Division, 609th Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar, as Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,000

Aircraft flown: T-1, T-6, T-38A/B/C, F-15A/C/D, F-16C/D, F-22A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	29 May 2002
First Lieutenant	29 May 2004
Captain	29 May 2006
Major	01 Apr 2012
Lieutenant Colonel	01 Jan 2016
Colonel	01 May 2021

(Current as of July 2025)