



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RICARDO T. BAKER

Colonel Ricardo T. Baker is the Commander of the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Group. The 655th ISRG is one of two Groups assigned to the 655th ISR Wing reporting to 10th Air Force headquartered in Fort Worth, TX. As the 655th ISRG Commander, Colonel Baker provides command and control over 7 intelligence squadrons across 4 states. He ensures the training and readiness of Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) intelligence squadrons engaged in highly technical, diverse, and complex ISR mission sets. Previously, Colonel Baker was Commander of the 64th Intelligence Squadron (64 IS) where he ensured the training and readiness of 75 AFRC intelligence personnel responding to Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD), and national security requirements. Prior to assuming command of the 64 IS, Col Baker served as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Chief, ISR Operations and Analysis Division, for HQ Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)/A2. While there, he led a team of 35 active duty, reserve, and civilian analysts in creating analysis products to support 3 x Numbered Air Forces, 3 x Air and



Space Operations Centers, and 12 x Flying Wings throughout the 36-nation Indo-Pacific Region. Before that, Col Baker was a Reserve Air Attaché with Detachment 7 at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C. As an Attaché, he planned and organized Defense Attaché Operations in support of requirements for DoD and United States Government (USG) policymakers. His experience includes service as a Reserve Air Attaché or Acting Senior Defense Official in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Niger, Zambia, and the Republic of Chad.

Col Baker attended DePauw University in Greencastle, IN, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. His experience as an Intelligence Officer includes providing intelligence support to the first active duty A-10 fighter squadron deployed in support of Operation NORTHERN WATCH. He also twice deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM partnering with Iraqi field operators to achieve US/coalition objectives. In 2017, he supported Exercise KEY RESOLVE (KR) at Osan AFB; he supported KR again in 2018 and Exercises 19-1 and 19-2 in 2019 as a member of the Joint Air Component Coordination Element (JACCE) partnering with U.S. and Republic of Korea (ROK) forces in South Korea.

EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN
1995 Illinois State Senate Legislative Internship, University of Illinois at Springfield, IL
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), AL (Correspondence)
2010 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Correspondence)
2018 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Correspondence)
2020 Joint Combined Warfighting School-Hybrid, Norfolk, VA (Correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1999 - March 2001, Chief, Intelligence Analysis, Pope Air Force Base (AFB), NC
2. March 2001 - March 2002, Chief, Intelligence Operations, Pope AFB, NC (January 2001 - June 2001, Combat Operational Intelligence Officer, 75th Fighter Squadron, Operation NORTHERN WATCH, Incirlik, Air Base, Turkey)
3. March 2002 - March 2005, Chief, Detachment Leavenworth, Leavenworth, KS (June 2003 - September 2003, Liaison Officer, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Camp Slayer, Iraq) (October 2004 - February 2005, Strategic Debriefing Advisor, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Green Zone, Iraq)
4. March 2005 - September 2005, Transition to United States Air Force Reserve IMA Program
5. September 2005 - August 2010, Intelligence Operations Officer/Reserve Team Leader, Leavenworth, KS
6. August 2010 – September 2016, Reserve Air Attaché, Defense Attaché Service, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, DC
7. September 2016 – November 2017, IMA to the Chief, ISR Operations and Analysis Division, HQ PACAF/A2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Honolulu, HI (March 2017, 7th AF Battle Captain, Exercise KEY RESOLVE, Osan AFB, South Korea)
8. November 2017 – March 2019, Commander, 64th Intelligence Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH (April 2018, JACCE Team Member, Exercise KEY RESOLVE, Pusan, South Korea)
9. April 2019 – Present, Commander, 655th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH (March 2019, JACCE Team Member, Exercise 19-1, Pusan, South Korea) (Aug 2019, JACCE Team Member, Exercise 19-2, Camp Humphreys, South Korea)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Jnt Service Achievement Medal
Jnt Meritorious Unit Awd w/1 oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Iraqi Campaign Medal w/1 bronze star
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	1998
First Lieutenant	2000
Captain	2002
Major	2007
Lieutenant Colonel	2014
Colonel	2019

(Current as of Aug 2020)