



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOHN D. MCKAYE

Colonel John D. McKaye is the Commander of the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Group. As an Independent Group Commander, reporting to 10th Air Force, he is responsible for providing command and control of 11 intelligence squadrons in six states. He ensures the training and readiness of all Air Force Reserve Command intelligence squadrons engaged in highly technical, diverse and complicated ISR mission sets.

Colonel McKaye was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program and entered active duty in 1990. His initial assignments include serving as senior command and control action officer for the 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla., chief of wing scheduling for the 8th Special Operations Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Korea, and flight commander for the 16th Operations Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla. He completed Air Force Intelligence School as a distinguished graduate in 1997 and later transitioned to the Air Force Reserve in 2000, serving as an intelligence flight and squadron commander, 919th OSS, Eglin AFB, Field 3, Fla, and the Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Commander of Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the 16th Intelligence Squadron Commander, Fort Meade, Md.



Colonel McKaye supported several Overseas Contingency Operations including Operations Southern Watch, Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Joint Forge, Desert Fox I, Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. His J-2 intelligence directorate experience includes supporting Joint Special Operations Task Force during Operation Joint Forge, in the Bosnia and Kosovo areas of responsibility; deploying to Kuwait as the J-2 for the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component in support of Operation Desert Fox I, air campaign against Iraq; deploying twice to Oman as the J-2 for the Joint Special Operations Air Component, supporting combat operations in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom; and deploying with Joint Special Operations Air Detachment-South, directing intelligence operations for more than 500 special operations aircraft sorties and 2,500 flight hours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

EDUCATION

1990 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
1996 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1999 Master of Public Administration, Troy State University, Troy, Ala.
2005 Joint Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2008 Air War College, by correspondence
2012 International Intelligence Fellows Program, National Intelligence University, Washington D.C.
2014 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education – JPME II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1991 - November 1992, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. November 1992 - May 1994, Senior Command and Control Officer, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
3. May 1994 - August 1995, Squadron Section Commander, 60th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. August 1995 - August 1996, Chief of Wing Scheduling, 8th Operations Support Squadron, Kunsan AB,

Republic of Korea

5. August 1996 - July 1997, Student, Air Force Intelligence School, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
6. July 1997 - July 1999, MC-130H Chief of Intelligence, deputy flight commander, and flight commander, 16th Operations Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
7. April 1998 - June 1998, Director of Intelligence, Combat Special Operations Task Force Southwest Asia
8. September 1998 - January 1999, Director of Intelligence, Joint Special Operations Task Force II, San Vito AB, Italy
9. July 1999 - July 2000, Deliberate Plans and Operations Officer, U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla.
10. July 2000 - February 2009, Deputy Flight Commander and Flight Commander, 919th Operations Support Squadron, Eglin AFB Field 3 (Duke Field), Fla.
11. October 2001 - December 2001, Director of Intelligence, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component, Southwest Asia
12. September 2002 - November 2002, Director of Intelligence, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component, Southwest Asia
13. January 2003 - May 2003, Director of Intelligence, Joint Special Operations Air Detachment South, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component, Special Operations Command Central, Southwest Asia
14. February 2009 - April 2010, Senior Intelligence Officer, 919th Operations Group, Eglin AFB Field 3 (Duke Field), Fla.
15. April 2010 – April 2011, Squadron Commander, 919th Operations Support Squadron, Eglin AFB Field 3 (Duke Field), Fla.
16. April 2011 – August 2013, Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Commander, Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
17. December 2011 – December 2012, Director, Joint Detachment Fort Worth, Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
18. December 2012 – August 2013, Director, Joint Detachment Denver, Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
19. August 2013 – January 2014, Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Commander, 480th Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Wing, Langley AFB, Virginia.
20. January 2014 – March 2016, Commander, 16th Intelligence Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.
21. March 2016 – present, Commander, 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters and gold ribbon
Gallant Unit Citation
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and silver and bronze oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars
Iraq Campaign Medal with one campaign star
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Korean Defense Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Reserve Officers Association (lifetime member)

PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant Sept. 8, 1990

First Lieutenant Sept. 8, 1992

Captain Sept. 8, 1994

Major April 1, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 18, 2005

Colonel Nov. 1, 2010

(Current as of March 2016)