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COLONEL EDMUND A. "EDDIE" BALLEW

Col. Edmund A. Ballew is the Vice Commandant at Air University's Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Air Command and Staff College is the premier professional military education for mid-career officers and civilians. Air Command and Staff College focuses on the education and development of air-minded joint leaders and graduates approximately 500 students representing all United States military services, federal agencies and 65 partner nations.

Col. Ballew commissioned in 2004 following his graduation from the United States Air Force Academy, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He has led in a variety of flying and supervisory positions including the C-21A, T-53A, C-17A, and KC-135R/T aircraft. He served as an instructor aircraft commander in four different aircraft and Major Weapon Systems evaluator pilot. He has operational flying experience during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Prior to his current position, he instructed within the Department of Leadership, Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.



EDUCATION

- 2004 Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2008 Master of Arts degree in International Relations, University of Oklahoma, Norman
- 2009 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2016 Master of Arts degree in Counseling & Leadership, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 2019 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2004 – February 2005, Student Pilot, 557th Flying Training Squadron, 306th Flying Training Group, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2. February 2005 – July 2006, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
3. July 2006 – October 2006, C-21A Pilot, Awards and Decorations Officer, 76th Airlift Squadron, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
4. October 2006 – May 2007, C-21A Pilot, Assistant Supervisor of Operations, 76th Airlift Squadron, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany
5. May 2007 – May 2008, C-21A Aircraft Commander, Executive Officer, 76th Airlift Squadron, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany
6. May 2008 – August 2008, C-21A Instructor Pilot, Chief Scheduler, 76th Airlift Squadron, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany
7. August 2008 – September 2009, C-21A Instructor Pilot, Wing Current Operations Planner, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany





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8. September 2009 – January 2010, Student, KC-135 Aircraft Commander Initial Qualification, Altus AFB, Okla.
9. January 2010 – September 2011, KC-135R/T Aircraft Commander, Flight Commander, 344th Air Refueling Squadron, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
10. September 2011 – May 2012, KC-135R/T Instructor Aircraft Commander, Group Executive Officer, 22d Air Refueling Group, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
11. May 2012 – February 2013, KC-135R/T Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Standardization and Evaluations Officer, 349th Air Refueling Squadron, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
12. February 2013 – July 2013, Student, C-17 Aircraft Commander Initial Qualification Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
13. July 2013 – December 2014, C-17A Aircraft Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, 3d Airlift Squadron, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.
14. December 2014 – May 2015, C-17A Instructor Aircraft Commander, Chief of Wing Plans and Programs, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.
15. May 2015 - June 2016, Student, Air Officer Commanding Master's Program, Colorado Springs, Colo.
16. June 2016 – June 2018, Air Officer Commanding, 30th Cadet Squadron, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
17. June 2018 – October 2018, Student, KC-135 Instructor Aircraft Commander Requalification, Altus AFB, Okla.
18. October 2018 – April 2019, Assistant Operations Officer, 92d Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
19. April 2019 – March 2020, Operations Officer, 92d Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
20. March 2020 – June 2020, Deputy Chief of Safety, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
21. June 2020 – June 2021, Chief of Safety, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
22. June 2021 – June 2023, Commander, 32d Student Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
23. June 2023 – March 2025, Academic Instructor and Advisor, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
24. March 2025 – Present, Vice Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,400

Aircraft flown: DA-20, T-6A, T-1A, C-21A, T-53A, C-17A, and KC-135R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2011 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2, 2004

First Lieutenant June 2, 2006

Captain June 2, 2008

Major August 1, 2014

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2019

Colonel October 1, 2025

(Current as of January 2026)

