



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JOSEPH M JABARA

Colonel Joseph M. Jabara is the Vice Wing Commander for the 184th Intelligence Wing, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell AFB, Kansas. Prior to taking over as the Vice Wing Commander, he spent three years as the Mission Support Group Commander. He was responsible for the management and leadership of three squadrons and three flights of over 300 people. Prior to taking over as MSG Commander he was the Staff Judge Advocate for the Wing. As the SJA, Colonel Jabara oversaw all phases of legal issues and training requirements and handled the normal day-to-day tasks a reserve forces judge advocate may encounter. He also provided defense services to the 190 Air Refueling Wing, Topeka, Kansas and home station support for the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kansas.



A native of Kansas, Colonel Jabara graduated from Wichita East High School in 1981. After completing his undergraduate studies at Wichita State University, he attended Washburn School of Law. Colonel Jabara entered the United States Air Force in 1989, and was assigned to McConnell. While there he served as Claims Officer, Chief of Military Justice, and Area Defense Counsel. He separated from active duty in 1992 and went into the IMA reserve program where he stayed until 1998, when he transferred to the Kansas Air National Guard. His completed Professional Military Education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. He has deployed individually, with assigned units and in support of joint forces exercises to including 1st AF, Germany, South and Central America, Armenia and Israel. He and his wife, Kristy, have been married for 25 years and have a daughter, Kelsey, 19, a sophomore at Kansas State University.

EDUCATION

1985 Bachelor of Science (cum laude), Administration of Justice, Wichita State University

1988 Juris Doctorate, Washburn School of Law

1991 Squadron Officer School

2001 Air Command & Staff College

2006 Air War College

2008 Reserve Component National Security Course

2010 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1989 - June 1991, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, McConnell AFB, KS

2. July 1991 - August 1992, Area Defense Counsel, McConnell AFB, KS

3. September 1992 - April 1998, Reserve IMA Judge Advocate, McConnell AFB, KS

4. May 1998 - November 2002, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 184th Air Refueling Wing, KSANG, McConnell AFB, KS

5. Dec 2002 - April 2008, Staff Judge Advocate, 184th Air Refueling Wing, KSANG, McConnell AFB, KS

6. April 2008 - June 2011 Mission Support Group Commander, 184th Intelligence Wing, KSANG, McConnell AFB, KS

7. June 2011 - Present, Vice Commander, 184th Intelligence Wing, KSANG, McConnell AFB, KS

AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with device

Air Force Commendation Medal with device

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

National Defense Service Medal with device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant May 1989

Captain, November 1989

Major, December 1998

Lieutenant Colonel June 2003

Colonel February 2009

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, National Guard Association of the United States

Member, Wichita Chamber of Commerce

Member, Wichita Bar Association

Current as of: 6 Jun 11