



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD J. BAILEY, JR.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Bailey, Jr., is the Chief Air Operations Officer in the Joint Synchronization and Execution Branch at the NATO Joint Force Command Brunssum in The Netherlands, where he oversees air operations efforts for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan, as well as the NATO Reaction Force (NRF) and other initiatives.

Lieutenant Colonel Bailey is the son of a retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sergeant and made several moves throughout his childhood. He received his commission upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1992. After completing Undergraduate Pilot Training, Lieutenant Colonel Bailey served flying tours in the C-9A, C-141B, and UV-18B aircraft and has been an aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and flight examiner. He is now a command pilot with over 3,600 flying hours. Throughout his career, he has served as Chief of Training, Chief of Safety, and Assistant Director of Operations at the squadron level, as well as a tour with Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation. Recently, Lieutenant Colonel Bailey was sponsored by the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies (SAASS) to complete a doctorate of philosophy degree in Government. Prior to his present position, Lieutenant Colonel Bailey served as a Defense Trade Analyst at the U.S. State Department, where he was responsible for adjudicating import and export agreements for U.S. defense contractors with companies and governments of our nation's coalition partners and allies.



Lieutenant Colonel Bailey is married to the former Diana Sanchez of Pueblo, Colorado.

EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science in Engineering Sciences, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
- 1997 Masters Degree in International Affairs, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2002 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2006 Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Government, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 2007 Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2011 Joint Combined Warfare School (JPME II), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1992 – December 1992 – Education Services Officer, 47th Mission Support Squadron, Laughlin AFB, TX
2. December 1992 – December 1993 – Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX
3. January 1994 – January 1997 – C-9A Aircraft Commander and Chief Executive Officer, 11th Aeromedical Airlift Squadron, Scott AFB, IL
4. January 1997 – May 2000 – C-141B Instructor Pilot, Chief of Safety, and Chief of Training, 16th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC
5. May 2000 – June 2003 – UV-18B Chief Evaluator Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, and Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation, 98th Flying Training Squadron and 34th Operations Group, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

6. June 2003 – July 2006 – In-Residence Intermediate Developmental Education, PhD Program, Department of Government, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
7. July 2006 – July 2008 – Defense Trade Analyst, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C.
8. August 2008 – Present – Chief of Air Operations and Commander, US Air Force Element, NATO Joint Force Command, Brunssum, The Netherlands

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flying Hours: More than 3,600

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-9A, C-141B, UV-18B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

AF Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

NATO Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1992

First Lieutenant May 27, 1994

Captain May 27, 1996

Major Nov 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Nov 1, 2007

(Current as of April 2011)