



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL A. MINIHAN

Colonel Mike Minihan is the Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam, Hawaii. He is responsible for ensuring PACAF provides ready air, space and cyber space power to promote United States' interests in the Asia-Pacific region during peacetime, crisis and war. In this capacity, Colonel Minihan oversees operations for three NAFs and 10 wings.

Colonel Minihan entered the Air Force in June 1989 after receiving his commission through the ROTC program at Auburn University. He completed undergraduate pilot training in 1991 and served as an aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and evaluator pilot in the C-130 Hercules. The colonel commanded an airlift squadron, four expeditionary airlift squadrons, and two airlift wings. He also held staff assignments at Headquarters Air Force, United States Transportation Command, and Headquarters United States Forces Korea. Most recently, Colonel Minihan served as Commander, 89th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Md.



Colonel Minihan is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours in the C-130, KC-10, and C-32.

EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelor of Science, Economics, Auburn University, Ala.
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Masters of Business Administration, Touro University, Vallejo, Calif.
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1990 - April 1991, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. May 1991 - Sept 1994, Aircraft Commander, 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. Sept 1994 - Sept 1997, Instructor Pilot, 52nd Airlift Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
4. Sept 1997 - Oct 2000, Evaluator Pilot, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
5. Oct 2000 - July 2002, Chief, Bomber and Mobility Assignments, Colonels Group, Headquarters Air Force Pentagon
6. Aug 2002 - June 2003, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. June 2003 - June 2006, Operations Officer and Commander, 40th Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas

8. July 2006 - July 2007, Student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
9. July 2007 - July 2008, US Transportation Command Liaison Officer to United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and US Forces Korea, Yongsan Army Garrison, Republic of Korea
10. July 2008 - July 2009, Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander, United Nations Command and United States Forces Korea, Yongsan Army Garrison, Republic of Korea
11. July 2009 – July 2010, Vice Commander, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.
12. Aug 2010 – Jan 2012, Commander, 19th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
13. Feb 2012 – Sept 2013, Commander, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, Md.
14. Sept 2013 – Present, Deputy Director for Operations, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam, Hawaii.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2007 - July 2008, US Transportation Command Liaison Officer to United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and US Forces Korea, Yongsan Army Garrison, Republic of Korea as a Colonel
2. July 2008 - July 2009, Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander, United Nations Command and United States Forces Korea, Yongsan Army Garrison, Republic of Korea as a Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,400

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, C-130, KC-10, C-32

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Nov.12, 1989

First Lieutenant Nov. 12, 1991

Captain Nov.12, 1993

Major March 1, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2004

Colonel Sept.1, 2007

(Current as of October 2013)