



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ERIC J. HOLDAWAY

Colonel Holdaway is the Director of Intelligence for United States Air Forces Central Command (USAFCENT) at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. The command includes intelligence and support professionals supporting air operations in a 27-nation area of responsibility covering Central and Southwest Asia and the Horn of Africa. He is responsible for enabling and enhancing intelligence support to the Combined Forces Air Component Commander, Combined Air Operations Center Director and theater air intelligence operations. He is also responsible for providing manpower, plans and intelligence systems and architectures to meet theater requirements.

Colonel Eric Holdaway most recently served as the Deputy Director of the Commander's Advisory Group at Headquarters, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He was commissioned in 1986 from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Washington. Colonel Holdaway is a Master Intelligence Officer and has supported multiple types of fighter, attack, and bomber aircrews, including those flying in combat over Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. He has served as a flight commander, war planner, target development analyst, aide-de-camp, fighter squadron and wing intelligence officer, USAF Weapons School instructor and division operations officer, Joint Staff action officer, squadron commander, and Signals Intelligence Director for the National Security Agency's largest field operation. He and his wife, Susie, have two daughters, Samantha and Emma.

EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies, Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

1994 US Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada

1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

1999 Master of Aeronautical Science Degree in Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida

2001 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

2006 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

February - August 1987, student, Fundamentals of Intelligence and Signals Intelligence Officer courses, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
August 1987 - October 1989, flight commander, 6947th Electronic Security Squadron, NAS Key West, Florida
November 1989 - May 1992, planner, Headquarters 9th Air Force and US Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
August 1990 - March 1991, Chief, Mission Management and Black Hole planner, 6975th Electronic Security Squadron (provisional), ar-Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
May 1992 - September 1994, Aide to the Commander and Commander's Action Group action officer, Headquarters Air Force Intelligence Command, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas
October 1994 - May 1997, Chief, Intelligence Operations, 52d Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Airbase, Germany
May 1997 - July 2000, Assistant Operations Officer then Operations Officer, Intelligence Division, USAF Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
August 2000 - June 2001, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
June 2001 - July 2003, Warfighting Capabilities Analyst, Force Application Assessment Division, Directorate for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment, the Joint Staff, Washington, DC
July 2003 - July 2005, Commander, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii and Signals Intelligence Director, National Security Agency/Central Security Service Hawaii, Kunia, Hawaii
July 2005 - May 2006, Student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
June 2006 - Deputy Director, Commander's Advisory Group, Headquarters United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida
June 2008 - present, Director of Intelligence, United States Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 15, 1986
First Lieutenant October 20, 1988
Captain October 20, 1990
Major July 1, 1998
Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 2003
Colonel May 1, 2008

(Current as of June 2008)