



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Texas Air National Guard Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas

BRIGADIER GENERAL DAWN M. FERRELL



Deputy Adjutant General for Air, Texas Military Department

Brigadier General Dawn Marie Ferrell was appointed the Deputy Adjutant General for Air for the Texas Military Department on 13 November 2015. In this position, she serves as the principle advisor to the Adjutant General of Texas for all Air National Guard issues and is responsible for assisting in the planning, direction and administration of over 3,200 Air National Guard personnel within the state of Texas.

In 1983, then Airman Basic Ferrell enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard, 181st Aerial Port Flight, 136th Airlift Wing, as an Air Cargo Specialist. General Ferrell received her commission through the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science in 1994. She took command of the 181st Aerial Port Flight, until that unit was deactivated in 1995, at which time General Ferrell was reassigned to the 136th Aerial Port Squadron, Hensley Field, Dallas, Texas. She was selected as the Operations Officer when the unit was relocated to Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base. During September and October of 2005, General Ferrell was assigned as the Deployed Aerial Port Commander for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Relief Efforts at Naval Air Station

Joint Reserve Base (Belle Chase), New Orleans, LA, and Ellington Field, Houston, TX, where her team set up a fully functioning aerial port to handle the influx of aircraft delivering troops and supplies to the hurricane-devastated areas. General Ferrell was appointed Acting Commander of the 136th Aerial Port Squadron in February 2006, and took full command in August 2006 until the squadron was deactivated in October of 2007. General Ferrell became the Vice Commander for the 136th Mission Support Group in April 2008 and the Group's Commander in November 2009. From August of 2013-April of 2014, General Ferrell deployed to ISAF HQ, Kabul, Afghanistan in a joint NATO billet as the Director of Plans and Logistics Operations, where she was responsible for strategic level oversight for logistics planning, sustainment, and redeployment of US and NATO forces for the International Security Assistance Force mission. In her last assignment as Commander for the 136th Mission Support Group, she provided leadership and direction to the Group resulting in mission readiness of the Civil Engineer Squadron, Security Forces Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Force Support Squadron, Communications Flight, and a Contracting element.

General Ferrell earned an M.A and a B.A from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX and a Ph.D. from the University of North Texas in Denton, TX. Prior to working full time with the Texas Air National Guard, General Ferrell was the Director of Institutional Research and Planning and the Accreditation Liaison at Vernon College in Wichita Falls, TX, where she was responsible for the college's quality, planning and assessment processes, ensuring compliance with the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and overseeing all aspects of administrative research for the college. General Ferrell also served as an adjunct instructor for Vernon College and Wayland Baptist University, teaching political science courses.

MILITARY EDUCATION

1994 Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN
1999 Air National Guard Workforce Diversity Education Facilitator Training, Denver, CO
2000 Squadron Officer School (SOS), Correspondence
2005 Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), Correspondence
2006 Contemporary Base Issues Course, Phoenix, AZ
2006 Intermediate Leader Seminar, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN
2007 AFSO21 Level I Facilitator Course, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN
2008 Commander Development Course, ANGRG, Andrews AFB, MD
2009 Air War College (SDE), Correspondence
2009 Air Force Incident Management Course (AFIM), Maxwell AFB, AL
2010 Senior Leaders Maintenance Course (SLMC), ANGRG, Andrews AFB, MD
2010 Deployed Air Reserve Components Operations and Law Course (TAFOLC), Maxwell AFB, AL
2010 Accident Investigation Board President Course, Class 2010CC, Fort Worth, TX
2010 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, NORTHCOM, Colorado Springs, CO
2012 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
2013 ISAF HQ Mission Rehearsal Training, NATO Joint Warfare Centre, Stavanger, Norway
2013 Combat Airman Skills Training (CAST), Camp Guernsey, WY
2016 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Arlington, VA
2016 Senior Executive Seminar, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, GERMANY
2016 Dual Status Commander Course, NORTHCOM, Colorado Springs, CO

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
1996 Master of Arts in Counseling, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
2002 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), University of North Texas, Denton, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 1983-May 1994, Air Cargo Specialist/Transportation Officer, 181st Aerial Port Flight, Sheppard AFB, TX
2. Jun 1994-Jun 1995, Interim Commander/Commander, 181st Aerial Port Flight, SAFB, TX
3. Jul 1995-Oct 1999, Transportation Officer, 136th Aerial Port Squadron, Ft Worth, TX
4. Nov 1999-Feb 2006, Operations Officer, 136th Aerial Port Squadron, Ft Worth, TX
(Sep 2005-Oct 2005, Deployed Commander Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Relief Efforts, Belle Chase Naval Air Station, New Orleans, LA, and Ellington Field, Houston, TX)
5. Feb 2006-April 2008, Commander, 136th Aerial Port Squadron, Ft Worth, TX
6. April 2008-November 2009, Vice Commander, 136th Mission Support Group, Ft Worth, TX
7. November 2009-November 2015, Commander, 136th Mission Support Group, Ft Worth, TX
8. Aug 2013-May 2014 Deployed Director, Plans and Logistics Operations, CJ4, Headquarters International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan
9. November 2015-Present, Deputy Adjutant General for Air, Texas Military Department, Camp Mabry, Austin, TX

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two devices
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one device
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two devices
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
AF Longevity Service with seven devices
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two "M" devices and gold hourglass

Air Force Training Ribbon with one device
NATO Medal
Texas Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal
Texas Outstanding Service Medal
Adjutant General's Individual Award with two stars
Texas Faithful Service Medal with five devices

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), Life Member
National Guard Association of Texas (NGAT), Life Member
Reserve Officers Association (ROA), Life Member
Air Force Association (AFA), Life Member
Association of the United States Army

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant – 17 February 1994
First Lieutenant – 22 March 1996
Captain – 18 April 1998
Major – 27 April 2002
Lieutenant Colonel – 21 August 2006
Colonel – 10 March 2010
Brigadier General – 19 November 2015

(Current as of March 2017)