



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL DAWN M. FERRELL

Major General Dawn M. Ferrell is the Assistant Adjutant General – Air for the Texas National Guard. In this position, she serves as the principle advisor to the Adjutant General of Texas for all Air National Guard issues. She is responsible for formulating, developing, and coordinating all programs, policies, and plans for three Wings and more than 3,300 Air National Guard personnel throughout the state of Texas. General Ferrell is Dual Status Commander certified and is a Level III Joint Qualified Officer.

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.

EDUCATION

- 1988 Bachelor of Arts, Social Work, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas
- 1994 Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.
- 1996 Master of Arts, Counseling, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas
- 2002 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
- 2009 Air War College (SDE), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2010 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, NORTHCOM, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 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, Wyo.
- 2016 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Arlington, Va.
- 2016 Senior Executive Seminar, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
- 2016 Dual Status Commander Course, NORTHCOM, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2017 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC



ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1994 - June 1994, Transportation Officer, 181st Aerial Port Flight, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. June 1994 - June 1995, Interim Commander/Commander, 181st Aerial Port Flight, SAFB, Texas
3. July 1995 - October 1999, Transportation Officer, 136th Aerial Port Squadron, Fort Worth, Texas
4. November 1999 - February 2006, Operations Officer, 136th Aerial Port Squadron, Fort Worth, Texas
(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, Texas)
5. October 2005 - February 2006, Operations Officer, 136th Aerial Port Squadron, Fort Worth, Texas
6. February 2006 - April 2008, Commander, 136th Aerial Port Squadron, Fort Worth, Texas
7. April 2008 - November 2009, Vice Commander, 136th Mission Support Group, Fort Worth, Texas
8. November 2009 - August 2013, Commander, 136th Mission Support Group, Fort Worth, Texas
9. May 2014- November 2015, Commander, 136th Mission Support Group, Fort Worth, Texas
10. November 2015 - present, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Texas Military Department, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas
11. October 2017- October 2019, Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Air University (dual-hat assignment)

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2013 - May 2014 Deployed Director, Plans and Logistics Operations, CJ4, Headquarters International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a colonel

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 device
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two devices
National Defense Service Medal with device
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 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 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 February 17, 1994
First Lieutenant March 22, 1996
Captain April 18, 1998
Major April 27, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel August 21, 2006
Colonel March 10, 2010
Brigadier General November 19, 2015
Major General December 4, 2018

(Current as of October 2019)