



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL EDWARD A. FIENGA

Colonel. Edward A. Fienga is Director, Space Combat Plans and Programs, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, United States Strategic Command, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. As the Director, the Colonel is responsible for the development of plans to integrate joint space capabilities into the full spectrum of military operations.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Fienga was the Commander, 821st Air Base Group, Thule Air Base, Greenland. As the installation commander for Thule Air Base, he was responsible for the security and administration of the 250-square-mile Thule Defense Area, the continuous operational readiness of two space superiority units, and all the agreements between the United States, Danish and Greenlandic governments. He was also responsible for the safe operation of the airfield, including a 10,000 foot long runway, the northernmost deepsea port, and providing total base support for 800 year-round residents of the base.

Colonel Fienga received his commission from The Citadel through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1986. He controlled air activity as an Airborne Weapons Director on the E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), accumulating over 750 flight hours while controlling air intercepts over Iceland, Southwest Asia and North America. Colonel Fienga was selected to cross-train into space operations and his initial space assignment was as a Missile Warning Operations Crew Commander, operating the PAVE PAWS ground-based radar. While assigned to the Air Staff in the Pentagon, Colonel Fienga planned future space programs, valued at over \$65 billion. Colonel Fienga commanded the 321st Missile Squadron at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., where he was responsible for maintaining 50 ICBMs and 230 personnel on continuous 24-hour alert. He is a Command Credentialed Space Professional and a Basic Air Battle Manager.



EDUCATION:

- 1986 Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, The Citadel, S. C., AFROTC Distinguished Graduate
- 1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., Distinguished Graduate
- 1995 Master of Arts degree in human resources management and development, Webster University, Ill.
- 1998 Intermediate Developmental Education, The Legislative Fellows Program, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 French language training, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif., Distinguished Graduate
- 2004 Senior Developmental Education, Royal Belgian Defense College, Brussels, Belgium

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1987 – November 1987, student, Undergraduate Weapons Controller Training, Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Fla.
2. November 1987 – November 1990, Airborne Weapons Director, 964th Airborne Warning and Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3. November 1990 – March 1991, student, Undergraduate Space Training, Lowry AFB, Denver, Colo.
4. May 1991 – May 1994, crew commander, Chief, Operations Training, then Chief, Missile Warning Operations, 8th Space Warning Squadron, Eldorado Air Station, Eldorado, Texas
5. May 1994 – June 1996, Chief, Radar Systems Standardization and Evaluation, then Executive Officer to the Group Commander, 21st Operations Group, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo.
6. July 1996 – September 1997, Chief, ITW/AA Concepts of Operations, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
7. October 1997 – December 1998, IDE student, Georgetown University, The Legislative Fellows Program, Washington, D.C.

8. December 1998 – March 2000, Space and Missile Forces Programmer, Plans and Programs Directorate, Headquarters Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. April 2000 – July 2000, student, Minuteman III Missile Operations Initial Qualification Training, 392nd Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
10. July 2000 – October 2002, Commander, 321st Missile Squadron, 90th Space Wing, Francis E. Warren AFB, Cheyenne, Wyo.
11. November 2002 – June 2003, student, French Language Training, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.
12. July 2003 – July 2004, SDE student, Royal Belgian Defense College, Brussels, Belgium
13. July 2004 – June 2005 Chief, Space Professional Management Office, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
14. June 2005 – June 2006, Chief, Airman Development Division, Directorate of Manpower and Personnel, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
15. June 2006 – July 2007, Commander, 821st Air Base Group, Thule Air Base, Greenland
16. Aug 2007 – Present, Director Space Combat Plans and Programs, JFCC Space, Vandenberg AFB, CA

BADGE INFORMATION:

Command Credentialed Space Professional Badge
 Basic Air Battle Manager

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
 Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster
 Air Medal
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Air Force Combat Readiness Medal
 National Defense Service Medal with Star
 Expeditionary Service Medal with Star
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Air and Space Campaign Medal
 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1987 Undergraduate Weapons Controller Training; Distinguished Graduate
 1991 Undergraduate Space Training; Distinguished Graduate
 1998 Certificate in Government Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 17, 1986
First Lieutenant	Aug. 23, 1988
Captain	Aug. 23, 1990
Major	Oct. 1, 1996
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2000
Colonel	Feb. 1, 2006