



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL (MIKE) E. JONASSON

Colonel Mike Jonasson is the Air Reserve Component Advisor to The Judge Advocate General. In this capacity, he provides senior-level advice to The Judge Advocate General on all matters concerning Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard programs.

Colonel Jonasson received a direct commission as an Air Force judge advocate and entered active duty in April 1990. He joined the Ready Reserve program in April 2003, and has served as a Category B Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA), an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) member, and as a Category A Traditional Reservist (TR). His deployments include Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, in 2002, and Baghdad, Iraq, in 2005 and 2010-2011.



Colonel Jonasson is admitted to practice law before the State of North Dakota, as well as the United States Court of Federal Claims. In a civilian capacity, he is an Assistant General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense TRICARE Management Activity, Aurora, Colorado. His primary area of practice is federal government health care contract law, covering all aspects of procurement and administration, including protests and claims litigation, and health care policy.

EDUCATION

- 1984 Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work with Criminal Justice Minor from the University of North Dakota
- 1988 Juris Doctorate from the University of North Dakota School of Law
- 1993 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2001 Master of Laws in Government Procurement Law from The George Washington University School of Law
- 2008 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. April 1990 – May 1991, Chief of Civil Law and Chief of Claims, 42 AD/JA, Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota
2. June 1991 – July 1993, Area Defense Counsel, Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota

3. August 1993 – July 1997, Deputy Chief of Military Justice, Chief of Civil Law, and Chief of Labor Law, AFDTC/JA, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
4. August 1997 – June 1998, Air Force Institute of Technology Student, Master of Laws (LL. M) Program, The George Washington University School of Law, Washington, District of Columbia
5. July 1998 – June 2001, General Counsel, Department of Defense Health Services Region IV, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi
6. July 2001 – March 2003, Chief of Civil Law, and Chief of Military Justice, 9 AF/USCENTAF, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
(November 2002 – December 2002, deployed judge advocate, Legal Office and Coalition Air Operations Center (CAOC), Prince Sultan Air Base (JTF/SWA), Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation Southern Watch)
7. April 2003 – July 2005, Reserve Coordinator (IMA), HQ ARPC/JA, Denver, Colorado
(March 2005 – July 2005, Deployed Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Contracting Command – Iraq (JCCI), and General Counsel, Project & Contracting Office (PCO), International Zone, Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom)
8. August 2005 – April 2008, Chief of Strategic Plans and Programs, and Chief of Reserve Programs (AGR), AFRC/JA, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia
9. May 2008 – December 2008, Reserve Judge Advocate (IMA), HQ ARPC/JA, Denver, Colorado
10. January 2009 – July 2011, Staff Judge Advocate (TR), 310 SW/JA, Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado (October 2010 – April 2011, Legal Advisor to United States Forces – Iraq, Deputy Commanding General for Advising and Training/Commander, NATO Training Mission – Iraq, in support of Operation New Dawn)
11. August 2011 – April 2013, Reserve Judge Advocate (IMA), HQ AETC/JA, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
12. May 2013 – present, ARC Advisor to The Judge Advocate General, AF/JAR, Pentagon, Washington District of Columbia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 oak leaf cluster)
Meritorious Service Medal (4 oak leaf clusters)
Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 oak leaf cluster)
Air Force Commendation Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (1 oak leaf cluster)
TJAGCR Junior Officer Council, 2010 Mentor of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Captain, 1 October 1990
Major, 1 February 1998
Lieutenant Colonel, 1 February 2005
Colonel, 1 April 2011

(current as of May 2013)