



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CLAUDE V. (VAN) FULLER, JR.

Colonel Van Fuller is the Deputy Commanding Officer for the Gulf Region Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baghdad, Iraq.

Colonel Fuller entered the Air Force in 1983 after earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from The Citadel. He also received a Masters in Public Administration Degree from Troy State University. He has served in a variety of unit-level, major command, and field operating agency positions throughout his Air Force career. Colonel Fuller has commanded four Civil Engineer Squadrons, two Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadrons, an Installations & Mission Support higher headquarters Squadron, and a Mission Support Group. He also served as on-scene commander for the recovery of a downed F-15E, recovered numerous installations from natural disasters, served as "Mayor" of the Operation NORTHERN WATCH tent city, and served as the Deputy Command Civil Engineer for JTF Southwest Asia.



He is married to the former Kelley Bomar of Greer, South Carolina. They have one son, Kyle.

EDUCATION

- 1983 Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
- 1989 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1990 Master's Degree in Public Administration, Troy State University
- 1996 Air Command and Staff College (non-residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2003 Air War College (non-residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1983 – December 1986, Project Programmer and Design Engineer, 23rd Civil Engineering Squadron, England Air Force Base, La.
2. December 1986 – December 1990; Chief of Design, Chief of Engineering and Environmental Planning, Chief of Requirements, Chief of Operations and Maintenance; 7350th Air Base Group, Tempelhof Central Airport, Berlin, Germany
3. January 1991 – November 1993, Theater Planning Officer and Chief of Joint Operations Planning, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
4. November 1993 – June 1996, Chief of Readiness Concepts and Plans, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
5. June 1996 – August 1999, Operations Flight Commander, 4th Civil Engineer Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. (February 1997 – June 1997, Commander, 4th Air Expeditionary Wing Civil Engineer Squadron, Doha, Qatar)
6. September 1999 – June 2001, Commander, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

7. June 2001 – June 2002, Commander, 775th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah (March 2002 – June 2002; Deputy Command Civil Engineer, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia)
8. June 2002 – July 2003, Commander, 75th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
9. July 2003 – July 2005, Commander, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash. (November 2003 – March 2004, Commander, 376th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan)
10. July 2005 – April 2006, Commander, AMC Installations and Mission Support Squadron and Chief, Readiness Division, Directorate of Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
11. April 2006 – May 2008, Commander, 92nd Mission Support Group, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.
12. July 2008 – Present, Deputy Commanding Officer, Gulf Region Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baghdad, Iraq

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters

Army of Occupation Medal

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

1997 Air Combat Command Outstanding Civil Engineer Senior Military Manager of the Year

2002 Air Force Materiel Command Outstanding Civil Engineer Senior Military Manager of the Year

2004 Air Mobility Command Outstanding Civil Engineer Senior Military Manager of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	October 21, 1983
First Lieutenant	August 2, 1985
Captain	August 2, 1987
Major	August 1, 1995
Lieutenant Colonel	January 1, 2000
Colonel	December 1, 2005