



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL S. DUNKIN

Colonel Michael Dunkin serves as the vice commander of the 169th Fighter Wing, South Carolina Air National Guard at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. As vice wing commander, he is responsible for assisting the wing commander in managing 1,340 Air National Guard and 93 active-duty Airmen. He supports all requirements for 24 F-16 aircraft and five Army National Guard tenant units which include 36 combat aircraft. Colonel Dunkin oversees the wing command post to include support for the 24-hour alert mission. He manages the base's \$105-million annual budget and the personnel actions associated with 353 full-time technicians and 168 AGR personnel. Colonel Dunkin directs the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator program, Foreign Object Damage program, Community Action Information Board, and State Air Crisis Action Team. He supervises the base Line-Of-Duty Determination and Incapacitation Pay review processes.

Colonel Dunkin was commissioned in 1991 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of South Carolina. After completing Airfield Operations Officer Training in 1993, he was assigned to Dover AFB, Delaware. In December 1993, he deployed to Dhahran AB, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. During this deployment, he was responsible for a 30 percent reduction in the alert launch response times for air traffic control. While assigned to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, Colonel Dunkin deployed to Zagreb, Croatia in support of Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR. While assigned to Zagreb, he was responsible for all air traffic control operations into and out of Bosnia-Herzegovina and controlled the first commercial aircraft to return to Sarajevo following hostilities in the country.



In 1996, he served as the airspace planner for a multi-national special operations task force assigned with duties that were briefed to the president on a daily basis. He was assigned as the lead combat airspace planner for the Combined Air Operations Center in Vicenza, Italy in 1998 as part of the Kosovo Verification Mission in support of surveillance missions over Serbia. In 1999, he returned to the CAOC as the Combat Airspace Operations lead during Operation ALLIED FORCE. He was part of a two-person team that revamped all airspace requirements to include coordination with European air traffic control centers for nine nations during a 400 percent increase in combat missions. Colonel Dunkin left active-duty in 2001 after serving as the lead Airfield Operations Inspector for the Air Combat Command Inspector General. In 2003, he led the Air Traffic Control Cell in the CAOC for Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. He deployed as the Operations Support Squadron Director of Operations at Baghdad International Airport in 2006. Colonel Dunkin was selected as the commander for the 24th Expeditionary Air Base Squadron following the earthquake in Port au Prince, Haiti. He was responsible for all airfield operations, providing relief to the area as well as personnel, services and communications functions for USAF personnel stationed there. Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Dunkin was the comptroller for the 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire JNGB, South Carolina.

EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.
- 1992 Basic Airfield Operations Officer Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 1992 Airfield Operations Officers Training Program, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

EDUCATION CON'T

1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2008 Air War College, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2014 Masters, Business Administration, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

2017 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1992 – May 1993, Student, Officer Training Program, 325th Operations Support Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2. May 1993 – May 1995, Chief, Air Traffic Control Operations, 436th Operations Support Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
3. May 1995 – March 1997, Airfield Systems Flight Commander, 33rd Combat Communications Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
4. March 1997–March 2000, Combat Airspace Manager, 32nd Air Operations Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
5. March 2000 – April 2001, Airfield Operations Inspector, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
6. April 2001 – December 2008, Air Traffic Control Officer, 245th Air Traffic Control Squadron, McEntire JNGB, S.C.
7. December 2008 – January 2014, Commander, 245th Air Traffic Control Squadron, McEntire JNGB, S.C.
8. January 2014 – June 2018, Comptroller, 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire JNGB, S.C.
9. June 2018 – Present, Vice Commander, 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire JNGB, S.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1987 Four Year ROTC Scholarship

1993 Distinguished Graduate, Airfield Operations Officer Course, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of South Carolina, State Executive Council, 2014 - 2017

National Guard Association of South Carolina, Vice President, 2017 - 2018

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 13, 1991

First Lieutenant Nov. 27, 1993

Captain Nov. 27, 1995

Major Aug. 15, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 3, 2005

Colonel June 23, 2018

(Current as of June 2018)