



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL CHRISTOPHER M. BUSQUE

Colonel Christopher M. Busque is the Commander of the 31st Mission Support Group, Aviano Air Base, Italy. In that capacity, he commands all mission support and logistics functions for a base community of nearly 10,000. This includes the operation of six Aviano-based squadrons: the Civil Engineer Squadron, the Communications Squadron, the Contracting Squadron, the Logistics Readiness Squadron, the Security Forces Squadron, and the Force Support Squadron. Together these units ensure the 31st Fighter Wing's ability to mobilize, deploy, and employ combat airpower. They also sustain the base's in-place missions, its workforce and their families, and base infrastructure worth over \$4 billion, while simultaneously providing security for the base.

Prior to this assignment Colonel Busque was the Chief, Military Force Policy Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., where he provided strategic guidance for Air Force human resource policies regarding assignments, retraining, physical fitness, evaluation, promotion, decorations, separation, and bonus payments for more than 507,000 active duty, guard, and reserve personnel.

Additionally, Colonel Busque has commanded two Force Support Squadron's and has served in a variety of notable positions at the Headquarters Air Force, Joint and Wing levels. Colonel Busque entered the Air Force in 1997 through ROTC at the University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. He was raised in West Hartford, CT, and is accompanied by his wife, Patti, of Raunheim Germany.



#### **EDUCATION:**

1997 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
2001 Master of Organizational Management, University of Phoenix, Las Vegas, NV  
2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2010 Master of Military Studies, Marine Corps University, Quantico MCB, VA  
2012 Air War College, Correspondence  
2013 Joint & Combined Warfighting School (JPME-II), Joint Forces Staff College, Satellite Course, Tampa, FL  
2018 Air Force Fellow (Senior Development Education), RAND Corporation, Santa Monica California

#### **DUTIES/ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. July 1997 - December 1998, Squadron Section Commander, 30th Mission Support Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA
2. December 1998 - October 1999, Chief, Customer Support, 30th Mission Support Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA
3. October 1999 - June 2002, Chief, Weapons School Education and Training, Detachment 8, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
4. June 2002 - June 2004, Squadron Section Commander, 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
5. June 2004 - May 2005, Executive Officer, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano AB, Italy
6. May 2005 - June 2007, Military Personnel Flight Commander, 31st Mission Support Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy
7. June 2007 - July 2009, Chief, 38F Career Field Management, Strategic Plans Division, HQ USAF DCS Manpower and Personnel, Pentagon, Washington DC
8. July 2009 - July 2010, Student, USMC Command and Staff College, Quantico MCB, VA
9. July 2010 - July 2012, Commander, 49th Force Support Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM
10. July 2012 - May 2014, Chief, Sustainment Branch, Directorate of Logistics and Engineering, Headquarters United

States Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL

11. June 2014 - June 2016, Commander, 673d Force Support Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK
12. June 2016 - June 2017, Chief, Sustainment Division, Total Force Service Center, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX
13. June 2017 - June 2018, Air Force Fellow, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA
14. June 2018 - Present, Chief, Military Force Policy Division, HQ USAF DCS Manpower and Personnel, Pentagon, Washington DC
15. July 2019 - Present, Commander, 31st Mission Support Group, Aviano AB, Italy

**SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 2012 - May 2014, Chief, Sustainment Branch, Directorate of Logistics and Engineering, Headquarters United States Central Command, MacDill AFB, FL, as a Lieutenant Colonel

**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

2016 Air Force General Curtis E. Lemay Award for “Best Force Support Squadron” (large installation)  
2014 Air Force General Curtis E. Lemay Award for “Best Force Support Squadron” (large installation)  
2011 Air Force Major General Eugene L. Eubank Award for “Best Force Support Squadron” (small installation)  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal  
NATO Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant, July 15, 1997  
First Lieutenant, July 15, 1999  
Captain, July 15, 2001  
Major, April 1, 2007  
Lieutenant Colonel, July 1, 2012  
Colonel, 1 November, 2018

(Current as of Jul 19)