



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHRISTOPHER P. AZZANO

Brig. Gen. Christopher P. Azzano is Commander, 96th Test Wing, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. He leads more than 9,800 military, civilian, and contractor personnel in accomplishing the test wing's missions of developmental testing and evaluation of conventional munitions, command and control systems, aircraft avionics and guidance systems, and radar cross section measurement. He is also responsible for providing all base operating support, infrastructure, and services support for the Department of Defense's largest installation (724 square miles). He commands eight groups and 32 squadrons. The test wing operates 38 modified test aircraft; manages 120,000 square miles of over-water test ranges, plus facilities in six different states. The 96th TW also supports seven tenant wings and wing equivalent units to include the 33rd Fighter Wing (F-35 Joint Strike Fighter), the Army's 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Center, and 37 other associate units including the Army's 6th Ranger Training Battalion and the Air Force's 20th Space Control Squadron. As commander, he interacts with local officials across a 3-county, 11-city region with a military economic impact of \$2.7 billion annually.

General Azzano has flown more than 2,700 hours in 35 aircraft types as an instructor pilot, evaluator pilot, and experimental test pilot. He has conducted developmental tests on a wide range of aircraft and weapons, and previously commanded an operations group and flight test squadron. Prior to joining the 96th Test Wing, General Azzano commanded the 72nd Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, where he was responsible for a workforce of 26,000 and direct support to the Air Force Sustainment Center, the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, and 42 other associate units.

General Azzano is a graduate of the Air Force Intern Program and the Air War College. He holds Master's degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Strategic Studies. He was previously assigned as an Air Force Legislative Fellow, advising a member of the United States Congress on defense issues and international affairs.

EDUCATION

1987 Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
1988 Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.
1997 Certificate in Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2000 U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
2006 Air Force Legislative Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
2007 Certificate in Legislative Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
2011 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
2014 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1991 - April 1992, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. May 1992 - March 1993, Flight Safety Officer, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. April 1993 - June 1993, Student, Lead-in Fighter Training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
4. July 1993 - February 1994, Student, F-15E Replacement Training Unit, Luke AFB, Ariz.
5. March 1994 - July 1996, F-15E Pilot, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
6. August 1996 - November 1997, Air Force Intern, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
7. December 1997 - June 1999, F-15E Instructor Pilot, Wing Executive Officer, 391st Fighter Squadron, 366th Air Expeditionary Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
8. July 1999 - June 2000, student, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
9. July 2000 - April 2003, F-15 Experimental Test Pilot, F-15 Chief Pilot, F-15 Flight Commander, 40th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
10. May 2003 - August 2005, Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, data masked
11. September 2005 - December 2006, Air Force Legislative Fellow, Washington, D.C.
12. January 2007 - June 2008, Chief, Advanced Weapons and Sensors Division, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Special Programs Directorate, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

13. June 2008 - July 2010, Commander, Flight Test Squadron, Data Masked
14. July 2010 - June 2011, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. June 2011 - June 2013, Commander, 412th Operations Group, Edwards AFB, Calif.
16. June 2013 - Commander, 72nd Air Base Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
17. June 2015 - present, Commander, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 2,700

Aircraft Flown: 35 different types, including the F-15E, F-15C, F-16, and C-12

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

2015 Air Force Materiel Command Jerome F. O'Malley Award (Wing Commander and Spouse Team)

2001 U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Bobby Bond Memorial Aviator Award

2001 Air Armament Center NDIA Military Tester of the Year

2001 Air Armament Center Daedalian Exceptional Pilot Award

Liethen-Tittle Award, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Class 99B

1992 Orville Wright Achievement Award, Order of the Daedalians

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Feb. 13, 1991

First Lieutenant Feb. 13, 1993

Captain Feb. 13, 1995

Major Feb. 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2006

Colonel Sept. 1, 2010

Brigadier General Sept. 2, 2015

(Current as of September 2015)