



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH T. GUASTELLA**



Brigadier General Joseph T. Guastella is the Deputy Director for Requirements (J8), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He is responsible for assisting the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in identifying, assessing and approving joint military requirements to meet the national military strategy; and in ensuring the consideration of trade-offs among cost, schedule, and performance objectives for those requirements. In this role, he orchestrates Joint Staff support of the capabilities development process through the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System. Additionally, he oversees the validation for joint urgent operational needs leading to the fielding of rapid solutions for combatant commanders.

General Guastella entered the Air Force in 1987 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He's flown the F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II, served multiple combat tours, and instructed at the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School. He commanded the 555th Fighter Squadron, 'Triple Nickel', Aviano Air Base, Italy and the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

### **EDUCATION**

1987 Bachelor of Science in Astronautical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1997 Master of Science in Aero Science Technology, Embry Riddle University  
2001 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2006 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.  
2011 Senior Executive Fellows program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1987 - January 1989, student pilot, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. January 1989 - September 1989, F-16 initial training, Luke AFB, Ariz.
3. September 1989 - May 1992, squadron electronic combat pilot and assistant weapons officer, 526th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
4. May 1992 - May 1993, instructor pilot, assistant flight commander and assistant weapons officer, 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Korea

5. May 1993 - April 1994, standardization and evaluation flight examiner, 526th TFS, Ramstein AB, Germany
6. April 1994 - January 1995, standardization and evaluation flight examiner, 555th FS, Aviano AB, Italy
7. Jan 1995 - June 1995, student, fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. June 1995 - December 1996, squadron weapons and tactics officer and assistant wing weapons officer, 555th FS, Aviano AB, Italy
9. December 1996 - August 2000, Instructor, F-16 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. September 2000 - June 2001, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. June 2001 - August 2002, action officer, Joint Strike Fighter and Combat Identification Programs, Headquarters Air Force, Directorate of Operational Requirements, Washington, D.C.
12. August 2002 - October 2003, operations officer, 555th FS, Aviano AB, Italy
13. October 2003 - July 2005, commander, 555th FS, Aviano AB, Italy
14. August 2005 - July 2006, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2006 - June 2007, U.S. CENTAF, A3 forward and CAOC Director of Operations, Southwest Asia
16. June 2007 - August 2008, Deputy Director CAPSTONE, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
17. August 2008 - October 2008, vice commander, 20th FW, Shaw AFB, S.C.
18. October 2008 – June 2010, commander, 20th FW, Shaw AFB, S.C.
19. June 2010 – July 2011, Chief Program Integration Division, Directorate of Programs, DCS Strategic Plans and Programs, Pentagon Washington D.C.
20. July 2011 – June 2012, Deputy Director of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
21. July 2012 – July 2013, commander, 455 AEW, Bagram, Afghanistan
22. July 2013 – present, Deputy Director of Requirements (J8), Joint Staff, Washington D.C.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 2006 - June 2007, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, A3 forward and Combined Air Operations Center Director of Operations, Southwest Asia, as a colonel
2. June 2007 - August 2008, Deputy Director CAPSTONE, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C., as a colonel
3. July 2012 - July 2013, Commander 455 Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram, Afghanistan, Regional Command East, as brigadier general
4. July - Present, Deputy Director for Requirements, (J8) Joint Staff as brigadier general

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,000 (1000+ combat)

Aircraft Employed: F-16C/D, A-10C

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

(Current as of August 2013)