

BRIG. GEN. TODD D. CANTERBURY

Brigadier General Todd D. Canterbury is the Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The wing's mission is to build the future of airpower and is leading the Air Force in developing Airmen and training fighter pilots. As part of Air Education and Training Command, and home to 30 squadrons with both F-16 Fighting Falcon and F-35A Lightning II aircraft, the 56th is the largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force and graduates more than 90 F-35 pilots, 300 F-16 pilots, and 300 air control professionals annually. The wing is also responsible for the squadrons under the 54th Fighter Group located at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, where F-16 training will move as Luke AFB transitions to become the sole pilot training center for the F-35, the Air Force's newest multi-role aircraft. Additionally, the 56th Fighter Wing oversees the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and is steward of the Barry M. Goldwater Range, a military training range spanning more than 1.7 million acres of Sonoran desert.



General Canterbury entered the Air Force in May 1993 after graduating from Arizona State University ROTC in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering technology. General Canterbury's assignments have been a mix of operational and training assignments. As an operational F-15E and MC-12 pilot, he has logged over 650 combat hours and has participated in operations Northern Watch and Enduring Freedom. He has served as a U.S. Air Force Weapons School Instructor, Thunderbirds demonstration pilot, fighter squadron commander and wing commander. His most recent assignment was Director of the F-35 Integration Office at Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

He is a graduate of the National War College and a Command Pilot with more than 4,100 hours in the F-35A, F-15E, F-16 and MC-12W aircraft.

EDUCATION

1992 Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering technology, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
1999 Distinguished Graduate, Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis Air Force Base, NV
1999 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL..
2001 Master's degree in aeronautical science – Aeronautics Specialization, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL
2006 Master's degree in military operational art and science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2006 Air War College, by correspondence
2010 Master degree in national strategic studies, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
2012 Executive Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
2014 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2015 Senior Executives in National Security Program, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1993 – Jul 1994, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, OK
2. Sep 1994 – Dec 1994, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, MS
3. Jan 1995 – Aug 1995, Student, F-15E Fighter Training Unit, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
4. Aug 1995 – Aug 1997, Navigation officer and weapons officer, 492d Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England
5. Aug 1997 – Feb 2000, Weapons Officer and Standardization/Evaluation Officer, 90th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK
6. Feb 2000 – Aug 2001, Flight Commander, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
7. Aug 2001 – Oct 2001, Student, F-16 Track 4 Transition Course, Luke AFB, AZ
8. Oct 2001 – Jul 2005, USAF Thunderbird Demonstration Pilot, Nellis AFB, NV
9. Jul 2005 – Jun 2006, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
10. Jul 2006 – Sep 2006, Student F-15E Track 2 Transition Course, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
11. Sep 2006 – May 2007, Director of Operations, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
12. Jun 2007 – Jun 2009, Commander, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
13. Aug 2009 – Jun 2010, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
14. Aug 2010 – Jul 2011, Vice Wing Commander, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
15. Jul 2011 – Apr 2013, Executive Officer, Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces Korea, Yongsan, South Korea
16. Jun 2013 – Jun 2015, Commander, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, FL
17. Jun 2015 – May 2017, Chief, Operations Division, F-35 Integration Office, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
18. May 2017 – Jun 2018, Director, F-35 Integration Office, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
19. Jun 2018 – present, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

July 2011 – April 2013, Executive Officer, Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces Korea, Yong Son, South Korea, as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,100 including more than 650 combat hours

Aircraft flown: F-35A, F-15E, F-16, T-37, T-38, MC-12W

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 8, 1992
First Lieutenant May 8, 1994
Captain Nov. 1, 1996
Major May 1, 2003
Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 2006
Colonel Oct. 1, 2010
Brigadier General Aug. 2, 2017

(Current as of June 2018)