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COLONEL MICHAEL D. STEFANOVIC

Col. Michael D. Stefanovic is the Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) and 87th Air Base Wing, JB MDL, New Jersey. Colonel Stefanovic provides installation support to more than 80 mission partners at the Defense Department's only tri-service joint base. He is also responsible for providing mission-ready expeditionary Airmen, Guardians and Sailors to combatant commanders in support of joint and coalition operations.

Colonel Stefanovic entered the Air Force in 2001 after obtaining his commission through the ROTC program at the Georgia Institute of Technology, earning a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. He has served in various base level and headquarters assignments, including an international assignment as a counter-IED and explosive subject matter expert to the United Nations in New York. He has deployed to multiple locations in support of overseas contingency operations.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Stefanovic served as Commander, 87th Civil Engineer Group, JB MDL, New Jersey.



EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta

2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2004 Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Eglin AFB, Fla.

2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 Master of Arts, Joint Warfare, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2015 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2020 CSAF Blue Horizons Fellowship, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2022 Artificial Intelligence for National Security Leaders Course, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. October 2001 - October 2003, Project Engineer and Military Construction Programmer, 9th Civil Engineer Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
2. October 2003 - June 2004, Student, Naval School, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Eglin AFB, Fla.
3. June 2004 - May 2008, Chief, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
4. June 2008 - May 2011, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Program Advisor, National Assessment Group, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
5. June 2011 - June 2013, Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Branch and ACC MILCON Program Manager, JB Langley- Eustis, Va. (September 2011 - November 2012, Counter-IED Officer, United Nations, New York).
6. July 2013 - July 2014, Operations Office, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
7. July 2014 - June 2015, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.





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8. July 2015 - June 2017, Chief, Action Group and Senior Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. June 2017 - June 2018, Commander, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait
10. June 2018 - June 2020, Commander, 19th Civil Engineer Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
11. July 2020 - June 2021, CSAF Blue Horizons Fellow, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. June 2021 - April 2022, Executive Lead, Project Morpheus, Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. April 2022 - July 2023, Director of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Strategic Studies Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
14. July 2023 - June 2025, Commander, 87th Civil Engineer Group, JB MDL, N.J.
15. July 2025 - Present, Commander, 87th Air Base Wing, JB MDL, N.J.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Sept. 1, 2001
First Lieutenant Sept. 1, 2003
Captain Sept. 1, 2005
Major Oct. 1, 2011
Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2016
Colonel June 1, 2022

(Current as of June 2025)

