



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHNATHAN A. ECCLES

Lt. Col. Johnathan Eccles is the Chief of Staff, 9th Reconnaissance Wing (RW), Beale Air Force Base, California. The 9th RW is responsible for the entire Air Force high-altitude reconnaissance fleet of U-2 Dragon Lady aircraft. The wing is comprised of four groups and four overseas operating locations which execute worldwide missions in support of all six geographic combatant commanders with an annual flying allocation of more than 22,000 hours.

The lieutenant colonel received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. He is a command pilot with over 4,200 flying hours and holds qualifications as an evaluator and instructor pilot in the U-2S and the 2-seat TU-2S.

He has more than 1,900 combat hours accumulated over 530 combat missions in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, FREEDOMS SENTINEL, and INHERENT RESOLVE, including multiple worldwide sensitive reconnaissance missions. Prior to his current position, Eccles served as the commander of the 9th Operations Support Squadron.



EDUCATION

2002 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
2003 Aerospace Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2007 Master of Business Administration, Touro University, Calif.
2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2010 Master of Science, International Relations, Troy University, Ala.
2012 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2017 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. August 2002 – March 2003, Pilot Trainee, 57th Operations Group, Nellis Air Force Base (AFB), Nev.
2. April 2003 – September 2004, Student Pilot, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. October 2004 – July 2006, C-5A/B Pilot / Executive Officer, 3rd Airlift Squadron (AS), Dover AFB, Del.
4. August 2006 – July 2012, C-17A Instructor Pilot / Assistant Director of Operations, 15th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
5. September 2012 – October 2013, MC-12W Aircraft Commander / Assistant Director of Operations, 427th Reconnaissance Squadron (RS), Beale AFB, Calif.
6. November 2013 – August 2014, T-38A/U-2S Student Pilot, 1st RS, Beale AFB, Calif.
7. August 2014 – August 2015, U-2 Instructor Pilot / Director of Combat Operations, 99th RS, Beale AFB, Calif.
8. April 2016– August 2016, Director of Operations, 99th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates
9. August 2016 – June 2017, U-2 Evaluator Pilot / Chief of Standards and Evaluations, 99th RS, Beale AFB, Calif.
10. June 2017 – July 2018 Director of Operations, 1st RS, Beale AFB, Calif.

11. July 2018-May 2019, Commander, 9th Operations Support Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
12. May 2020 – Present, Chief of Staff, 9th RS, Beale AFB, Calif.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Over 4,200, including over 1,900 Combat

Aircraft flown: TU-2S, U-2S, T-38A, MC-12W, BE-350, C-17A, C-5A/B

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with silver star and bronze star

Iraq Campaign Medal with silver star and bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 29, 2002

First Lieutenant May 29, 2004

Captain May 29, 2006

Major May 1, 2012

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2017

(CURRENT AS OF JULY 2020)