



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL T. VENERDI

Col. Michael T. Venerdi is the director of the Joint Staff for the Kansas National Guard. He serves as advisor and assistant to Kansas the adjutant general. In this role, he is responsible for programs, plans and policies directing and coordinating the efforts of 7,000 Army and Air members of the Kansas National Guard.

After graduating from the United States Air Force Academy in 1991, Venerdi attended pilot training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas. He has since served as an instructor and evaluator pilot in the KC-135 R/T and is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours. He has served as a division chief and Command Center director at Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command. Venerdi has previously commanded the 184th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, the 184th Regional Support Group, the 184th Mission Support Group, the 161st Intelligence Squadron, the 184th Intelligence Support Squadron and the 184th Operations Support Squadron. He has also commanded a detachment for KC-135 operations in U.S. Southern Command.

A pilot and intelligence officer, Venerdi held a qualification as a Mission Operations commander, commanding Distributed Common Ground System crews as they conducted MQ-1 and MQ-9 missions across the globe. Venerdi has served in the active-duty Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, and the Air National Guard. He has flown over 400 combat hours in direct support of Operations Decisive Endeavor, Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Allied Force, Southern Watch, Deliberate Forge, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Prior to his current position, he served as commander of the 184th Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas.



EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2012 ANG Commanders' Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2014 Joint and Combined Warfighting School - JPME Phase II, Norfolk Naval Station, Va.
- 2018 Joint Task Force Commanders Course – Peterson AFB, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1991–August 1992, Student Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas
2. August 1992–November 1995, Chief of Management and Systems Flight, Chief of Hazardous Materials Pharmacy, Assistant Chief of Management and Systems Flight, 22nd Supply Squadron, March AFB, Calif.
3. November 1995–November 1998, KC-135R Aircraft Commander, Standardization/Evaluation Liaison Officer, Squadron Scheduler, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
4. November 1998–August 2001 Chief, Standardization/Evaluation, KC-135R/T Receiver Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Training, Special Operations Instructor Pilot, 384th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
5. August 2001–September 2002, KC-135R Instructor Pilot, 18th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
6. September 2002–October 2006, Chief, Standardization/Evaluation, 184th Operations Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
7. October 2006–November 2008, Commander, 184th Operations Support Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
8. November 2008–June 2011, Commander, 184th Intelligence Support Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
9. June 2011–September 2013, Commander, 161st Intelligence Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
10. September 2013–November 2013, Commander, 184th Mission Support Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
11. November 2013–September 2015, Commander, 184th Regional Support Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.

12. September 2015–October 2016, Commander, 184th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
13. October 2016–September 2018, Chief, Operations Support Division, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), Peterson AFB, Colo.
14. September 2018–April 2020, Commander, 184th Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
15. April 2020–Present, Director of the Joint Staff, Joint Forces Headquarters, Forbes Field ANG Base, Kan.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2016–September 2018, Chief, Operations Support Division, HQ NORAD, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-1, KC-135 R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Kansas National Guard Service Medal with one device

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of the United States, Life Member

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1991

First Lieutenant May 29, 1993

Captain May 29, 1995

Major December 1, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel June 3, 2007

Colonel January 8, 2014

(Current as of Jun 2020)