



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL JOSEPH M. JABARA

Colonel Joseph M. Jabara is Vice Commander, 184th Intelligence Wing, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. He assists the commander in managing, leading, and developing over 1,200 Guardsmen who execute a broad spectrum of missions including intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; network and information operations; and command and control all of which greatly enhances the U.S. Air Force's capability to provide actionable intelligence and information dominance for combat forces around the globe.

A native of Kansas, Colonel Jabara entered the United States Air Force in 1989 and was assigned to McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. While there, he served as Claims Officer, Chief of Military Justice, and Area Defense Counsel. He separated from active duty in 1992 and subsequently joined the United States Air Force Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentee program where he stayed until 1998, when he transferred to the Kansas Air National Guard. As Staff Judge Advocate for the wing, Colonel Jabara oversaw all phases of legal issues and training requirements and provided defense services to the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Forbes Field, Kansas, and home station support for the 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kansas. He deployed individually with assigned units and in support of joint forces exercises to include 1st Air Force, Germany, South and Central America, Armenia and Israel.

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Prior to taking over as Vice Wing Commander, Colonel Jabara spent three years as the 184th Mission Support Group Commander where he commanded over 300 personnel in 5 units.

### EDUCATION

- 1985 Bachelor of Science (cum laude), Administration of Justice, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan.
- 1988 Juris Doctorate, Washburn School of Law, Topeka, Kan.
- 1991 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2001 Air Command & Staff College, by correspondence
- 2006 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2008 Reserve Component National Security Course, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, by correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1989 – June 1991, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 384th Bombardment Wing, McConnell Air Force Base (AFB), Kan.
2. July 1991 - October 1992, Area Defense Counsel, McConnell AFB, KS
3. October 1992 - July 1998, Reserve IMA Judge Advocate, McConnell AFB, KS
4. July 1998 - July 2003, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 184th Bomb Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.

## **ASSIGNMENTS Cont.**

5. July 2003 - April 2008, Staff Judge Advocate, 184th Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
6. April 2008 - September 2011, Commander, 184th Mission Support Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.
7. September 2011 – Present, Vice Commander, 184th Intelligence Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal

## **STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Kansas National Guard State Emergency Duty Service Ribbon with one device  
Kansas National Guard Counter-Drug Service Ribbon  
Kansas Air National Guard Recruiting Ribbon  
Kansas National Guard Service Medal with one device

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

National Guard Association of the United States, Active Member  
Wichita Chamber of Commerce, Active Member  
Wichita Bar Association, Active Member  
Co-Chair, Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth Committee

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

First Lieutenant May 30, 1989  
Captain November 30, 1989  
Major December 23, 1998  
Lieutenant Colonel June 2003  
Colonel February 27, 2009

(Current as of January 2016)