



BIOGRAPHY

AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION CENTER

COLONEL DAN JAVORSEK

Colonel Dan Javorsek is the Commander of Detachment 6, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center (AFOTEC), Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and Director, F-35 U.S. Operational Test Team. AFOTEC's Detachment 6 plans, conducts, and reports on realistic, objective, and impartial operational test and evaluation of fighter aircraft. The detachment evaluates the operational effectiveness, suitability, and mission capability of the A-10, F-15C/E/EX, F-16, F-22, and F-35, and reports results in support of major acquisition program milestone decisions and combatant command fielding decisions.

Prior to assuming his current role, Colonel Javorsek was a program manager in the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Strategic Technology Office. His research and development programs were tied to the development of key technologies required to realize Mosaic Warfare and Joint All-Domain Command and Control with an emphasis on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML) applied to combat systems. In a previous command role, he served as a squadron commander and director of a combined test force conducting high-priority next generation air dominance flight tests of unique experimental aircraft.



Colonel Javorsek received his commission from Purdue University Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1999, where he was a distinguished graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering summa cum laude. He holds several science and engineering graduate degrees including a PhD in physics. He is a command pilot with more than 2,000 flying hours and is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Class 07B. His prior operational and flight test assignments include service in the 523rd Fighter Squadron at Cannon AFB, N.M.; 445th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.; 416th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.; 411th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.; and tours as a director of operations and wing chief of safety.

EDUCATION:

- 1999 Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
- 2001 Doctor of Philosophy in physics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2008 Master of Science degree in flight test engineering, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
- 2010 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2012 Master of Science degree in science & technology intelligence, National Intelligence University, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Master of Science degree in airpower strategy & technology, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1999 – September 2001, PhD student, Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institution Program, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
2. September 2001 – April 2003, student pilot, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. April 2003 – January 2004, F-16 student pilot, 62nd Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. January 2004 – July 2006, F-16 instructor pilot, Chief of Squadron Training, 523rd Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.

5. July 2006 – June 2007, F-16 instructor pilot, Assistant Chief of Scheduling, 445th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
6. June 2007 – June 2008, student pilot, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
7. June 2008 – January 2010, F-16 experimental test instructor pilot, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 416th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
8. January 2010 – August 2011, F-22 experimental test instructor pilot, Chief of Weapons and Training, Assistant Director of Operations, 411th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.
9. August 2011 – August 2012, student, National Intelligence University, Washington, D.C.
10. August 2012 – June 2014, Director of Operations, Assignment data masked
11. June 2014 – July 2016, Squadron Commander, Assignment data masked
12. July 2016 – July 2017, Wing Chief of Safety, Assignment data masked
13. July 2017 – July 2018, Blue Horizons Fellowship, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. July 2018 – March 2021, Program Manager, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Pentagon, Arlington Va.
15. April 2021 – present, Commander, Detachment 6, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flying Hours: More than 2,000

Aircraft Flown: More than 40 different aircraft with Form 8 qualifications in the F-16, F-22, F-35, F-117, a prototype, and a demonstrator aircraft

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 14, 1999
First Lieutenant	June 2, 2001
Captain	June 2, 2003
Major	Dec. 1, 2008
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2014
Colonel	June 1, 2020