

AIR FORCE SENIOR DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION FELLOW



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BACKGROUND: Lt Col Stillwell has served in a variety of operational leadership positions as an evaluator and Weapons Officer to include combat bomber squadron director of operations and commander. Other highlights include his role as Branch Chief of Future Concepts & Capabilities at US Air Forces in Europe, a Weapons School Instructor, flying over 100 combat missions across three deployments in the US Central Command Area of Responsibility and commanding three Bomber Task Force deployments to the European and Indo-Pacific theaters.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TITLES: Lt Col Stillwell was commissioned into the Air Force in 2007 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy then graduated from the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program.

He was a distinguished graduate of both the U.S. Air Force Weapons School in 2014 and the School of Advanced Nuclear Deterrence Studies in 2020 before attending the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies in 2021. He holds three master's degrees in military strategy, military operational art and science, and business accounting.
