



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR GENERAL ELLEN M. PAWLIKOWSKI

Maj. Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski is the Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va. She serves as the organization's Chief Operating Officer, responsible for all mission-related acquisition and operations of overhead reconnaissance systems to meet the needs of the intelligence community and the Department of Defense. Also, as the Commander, Air Force Space Command Element, she manages all Air Force personnel and resources assigned to the NRO and serves as the senior adviser to the DNRO on all military matters.

General Pawlikowski entered the Air Force in 1978 through the ROTC program at New Jersey Institute of Technology. She attended the University of California at Berkeley, and received a Doctorate of Philosophy in chemical engineering in December 1981, entering active duty at McClellan AFB, Calif., in April 1982. The general has served in a variety of technical management, leadership and staff positions, to include Director of the Airborne Laser Program and Director of the MILSATCOM Joint Program Office. Prior to her current assignment, she was Vice Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.



#### EDUCATION

1978 Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark  
1981 Doctorate of Philosophy in chemical engineering, University of California, Berkeley  
1984 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1990 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1991 Program Managers Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.  
1994 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1982 - December 1984, Director, Gas Research and Development, Technical Operations Division, McClellan AFB, Calif.
2. December 1984 - March 1986, Chief, Mass Spectrometry and Micro-beam Instruments Branch, Technical Operations Division, McClellan AFB, Calif.
3. March 1986 - December 1987, Command Systems Plans Manager, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla.
4. December 1987 - July 1989, Chief, Plans and Programs Division, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla.
5. July 1989 - July 1990, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. June 1990 - December 1991, Deputy Chief, Special Projects Division, Rome Laboratory, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.
7. December 1991 - July 1993, Senior Executive Officer, Rome Laboratory, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.

8. July 1993 - June 1994, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
9. June 1994 - March 1996, Director, Acquisition Management Office, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. March 1996 - June 1997, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Counterproliferation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. June 1997 - June 1999, Chief, Revolutionizing Training Division, Training Systems Product Group, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
12. June 1999 - March 2000, Deputy Director, Global Power Programs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
13. April 2000 - March 2005, Director, Airborne Laser System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
14. March 2005 - July 2007, Commander, Military Satellite Communications Systems Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
15. July 2007 - May 2008, Vice Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
16. June 2008 - present, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1994 - March 1996, Director, Acquisition Management Office, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
2. March 1996 - June 1997, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Counterproliferation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a colonel
3. March 2005 - July 2007, Commander, Military Satellite Communications Systems Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif., as a brigadier general
4. June 2008 - present, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va., as a major general

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Air Force Individual Recognition Ribbon

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

1984 Commandant Trophy recipient, Squadron Officer School  
1985 and 1986 Company Grade Officer of the Year, Air Force Technical Applications Center  
1987 National Finalist, White House Fellowship Program  
1992 YWCA Woman of the Year  
1994 Defense Acquisition Research Award  
1998 Stewart Award (Top Senior Program Manager, ASC)  
1999 Air Force Association Management Award - Executive

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 25, 1978  
First Lieutenant May 25, 1981  
Captain May 25, 1983  
Major March 1, 1988  
Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 1992  
Colonel Oct. 1, 1996  
Brigadier General June 1, 2005  
Major General July 22, 2008

(Current as of July 2009)