

Alpha CO Tactical Officer

Major Donnie Fewkes

United States Air Force



Major Donald E. Fewkes is assigned as Alpha's company TAC officer at the Military College of South Carolina, also known as The Citadel. Major Fewkes was born in Sacramento, California, where he graduated from El Camino High School in 2004. He lettered multiple times in varsity soccer and tennis and earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in his local Boy Scouts of America troop. He then completed a bachelor's degree in business management, with an emphasis in International Business and Chinese language from Utah Valley University. After graduating in 2011, he worked for Hewlett-Packard as a Business Analyst for three years where he held the position of lead analyst in charge of training. In an effort to increase his impact on the world, he commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in 2014 through the Officer Training School program. Since his commission, he graduated in the top 10% of his Acquisitions Tech School class and has since been involved in various acquisition leadership positions for Air and Space programs totaling in excess of 10 Billion dollars. He was selected to demonstrate a first-of-its-kind experiment for the Air Force to improve acquisitions at the installation level as the Air Force's first Program Management Flight Commander; his efforts in that regard received Chief of Staff of the Air Force attention. He was then assigned to manage the sustainment portfolio of projects for the KC-46 Program Office and earned a spot amongst Special Programs officers within a high visibility Green Door program overseas. Most recently, he was assigned to the Citadel as an Intermediate Developmental Education student after competing amongst his peers where he performs duties as a TAC officer while pursuing an M.A. in Military History from the Citadel. He has earned an M.S. degree in Project Management from Troy University, where he graduated in the top 10% of his class. His military awards include Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medals for an Act of Courage and his Special Program experience overseas. He has also earned the 2019 ACC Larry O. Spencer Special Acts and Services annual award, the 12th and 15th Air Force's 2019/2020 Outstanding Acquisitions Manager & Leadership annual individual and team awards, Squadron Officer School Distinguished Graduate and Outstanding Contributor awards, and the 2019/2020 366 Fighter Wing Commander of the year awards. Finally, he has earned the David A. Packard Excellence in Acquisitions award, the highest acquisitions team award in the Department of War.

EDUCATION:

2011 – BS Business Management, Utah Valley University, Orem Utah
2015 – Fundamentals of Acquisition Management, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
2020 - Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2021 – MS Project Management, Troy University, AL
2027 – MA Military History, The Citadel, SC (In Progress)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Dec 14 – Jul 15, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, OK
2. Jul 15 – Jun 19, Project Officer, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA
3. Jun 19 – Jan 21, Program Management Flight Commander, Mountain Home AFB, ID
4. Jan 21 – Feb 22, Fighter Wing Senior Executive Officer, Mountain Home AFB, ID
5. Mar 22 - Jul 22, Flight Commander, Mountain Home AFB, ID
6. Jul 22 – Jun 2025, KC-46 Sustainment Program Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
7. Jul 25 – Present, IDE Student, Citadel TAC Program

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: *Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Joint Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster*

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	21 Nov 2014
First Lieutenant	21 Nov 2016
Captain	21 Nov 2018
Major	1 September 2023