



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MR. DONALD W. FENTON

Mr. Donald Fenton is the Command Historian, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), Hickam AFB, Hawaii. He is responsible for establishing policy and overseeing the command's history, museum and art programs for three numbered air forces and ten wings located at Air Force installations in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Japan and Korea. He also manages the readiness of assigned PACAF historians to support contingency and humanitarian operations within the command.

Mr. Fenton entered the Air Force in January 1987 and attended the Air Force Basic Military Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. In November 1999, he cross-trained into the Air Force History and Museums Program. He has deployed several times throughout his career as a historian in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Mr. Fenton retired from active duty in 2007 and entered civil service that same year. In addition to the education listed below, he has also completed post-graduate coursework in history with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

EDUCATION:

1999 Historian Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
2001 Historian Craftsman Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
2005 Associate Degree in Aerospace History, Community College of the Air Force
2006 Associate Degree in Munitions Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
2006 Bachelor of Science in Management, Wayland Baptist University
2007 Master of Arts in Management, Human Resources, Wayland Baptist University
2014 Leading from the Middle, Eastern Management Development Center, Shepherdstown, WV
2017 Leading Change, Eastern Management Development Center, Bolger Center, Potomac, MD
2022 Air War College Distance Learning (enrolled), Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January-March 1987: Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas.
2. March-May 1987: Munitions Systems Technology Technical Training School, Lowry AFB, CO.
3. June 1987-July 1988: Munitions Handling Crewmember, 28th Munitions Maintenance Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, SD.
4. August 1988-September 1991: Munitions Controller, 8th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Kunsan AB, Korea.
5. October 1991-November 1998: Munitions Maintenance Crew Chief, 5021 Monitor, Missile Maintenance Crew Chief and Munitions Inspector, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK.
6. December 1998-October 1999: Assistant NCOIC Missile Maintenance, 23rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Pope AFB, NC.
7. November 1999-May 2002: Historian, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD (September-December 2001 deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia)

8. July 2002-November 2008: Historian, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson AFB, AK (November 2003-April 2004 deployed as the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Historian: May-September 2008 deployed as the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Historian)
9. December 2008-August 2009: Historian Functional Area Manager HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB HI.
10. September 2009-October 2016: Deputy Command Historian, HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB, HI.
11. October 2016-Present: Command Historian, HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB, HI.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

- 2007 Allen S. Major award recipient for excellence in history programs (PACAF)
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- 2017 HQ PACAF/CS Civilian of the Year, Category III
- 2022 Department of the Air Force Excellence in History Program Award-MAJCOM Level