



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL STEPHEN F. COLLETTI

Colonel Stephen F. Colletti is the Vice Director of the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA), headquartered in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. JPRA is a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Controlled Activity aligned under the Joint Staff Director for Joint Force Development (J7). JPRA leads DoD Personnel Recovery (PR) by providing strategic direction, oversight, operational support, analysis, capability development, training, and education to improve PR interoperability, enabling DoD, the interagency, and multinational partners to prevent, prepare for, and respond to isolating events.

Colonel Colletti was born in Brooklyn, New York and grew up in East Brunswick, New Jersey. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in March 1991. During his tenure as an Air Force Special Warfare Pararescueman (PJ), he performed as a team member, team leader, instructor, and evaluator. In 2001, he entered the newly created Air Force Combat Rescue Officer (CRO) careerfield. As a CRO, he has advised senior commanders on personnel recovery and special operations and led rescue missions as a direct combatant, mission commander, and squadron commander. He also served on the Air Staff in Plans and Programs (A8). For over 31 years, Colonel Colletti has participated in numerous worldwide joint and combined operations, conflicts, contingencies, and exercises. He and his wife, Carly, have two children, Stephen (26) and Isabelle (21).



EDUCATION

1991 – 1992 Pararescue Training Pipeline (several Air Force & Joint schools)
1996 Non-Commissioned Officer Preparatory Course, Kadena AB, Japan
1999 B.S., Business Administration, Warner Pacific College, Portland, OR
2000 Basic Instructor Course, Lackland AFB, TX
2001 Instructor Supervisor Course, Lackland AFB, TX
2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL (Resident)
2007 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL (Resident)
2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Non-Resident)
2013 Masters in Military Operational Art/Science, Air Univ, Maxwell AFB, AL (Non-Resident)
2013 Air Command and Staff College, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO (Resident)
2013 M.A., Leadership & Counseling, Univ of Colorado at CO-Springs, CO (Resident)
2022 M.S., National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, DC (Resident)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Mar 91 – Apr 91, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
2. Apr 91 – Dec 92, PJ Trainee, Kirtland AFB, NM
3. Jan 93 – Nov 96, PJ Journeyman, 33rd Rescue Squadron (RQS) Kadena AB, Okinawa
4. Nov 96 – Jul 00, PJ Craftsman, 304th RQS, Portland OR
5. Jul 00 – Aug 01, PJ Instructor, USAF Pararescue School, Kirtland AFB, NM
6. Aug 01 – Nov 01, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. Nov 01 – Jul 04, WEPTAC Officer, 34th WPS, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV
8. Jun 02 – Jun 02, Student, Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
9. Jul 04 – Jul 05, Chief, Policy/Lessons Learned Branch (J71), JPRA, United States Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), Fort Belvoir, VA
10. May 07 – Jun 07, Student, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. Jul 05 – Jul 08, Chief, Ops Support Division (J31), JPRA, USJFCOM, Fort Belvoir, VA
12. Jul 08 – Jul 09, Chief, Standardization/Evaluation, 48th RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
13. Jul 09 – May 12, Operations Officer, 48th RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
14. May 12 – May 13, Student, Intermediate Developmental Education, USAFA, CO
15. May 13 – May 15, Commander, Cadet Squadron Eight, USAF Academy, CO
16. July 15 – August 18, Commander, 58th RQS, Nellis AFB, NV
17. Aug 18 – July 19, Deputy Branch Chief, A8XP, HAF, Pentagon, Arlington, VA
18. July 19 – May 20, Branch Chief, A8XP, HAF, Pentagon, Arlington, VA

19. May 20 – June 21, Senior Executive Officer to the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans & Programs, HAF, Pentagon, Arlington, VA
20. July 21 – June 22, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, DC
21. June 22 – Present, Vice Director, JPRA, Joint Staff/J7, Fort Belvoir, VA

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2004 – July 2005, Chief, Policy/Lessons Learned Branch (J71), JPRA, USJFCOM
2. July 2005 – July 2008, Chief, Ops Support Division (J31), JPRA, USJFCOM
3. June 2022 – Present, Vice Director, JPRA, Joint Staff/J7

FLIGHT & JUMP INFORMATION

Non-Rated, CRO instructor/evaluator; flight hours: 1,500 + on multiple aircraft
Military freefall and static-line jumps: 625+, static-line jumpmaster

MAJOR AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal w/ 4 oak leaf clusters
Air Medal w/ 6 oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal w/ oak leaf cluster
Joint Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal w/ 6 oak leaf clusters
Joint Achievement Medal w/ oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Combat Action Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award w/ 2 oak leaf clusters
Air Force Meritorious Unit Award w/ oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RANK

Colonel, May 1, 2022
Lieutenant Colonel, October 1, 2016
Major, November 1, 2011
Captain, November 15, 2005
First Lieutenant, November 15, 2003
Second Lieutenant, November 15, 2001
Technical Sergeant, April 1, 1999
Staff Sergeant, April 1, 1997

(Current as of July 2022)