

# **BRIGADIER GENERAL JON F. FAGO**

## **Chief of Staff, Nebraska Air National Guard**

Brigadier General Jon F. Fago is the Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska. He is also dual-hatted as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Director of Operations, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. In addition, General Fago performs duties as an Airborne Emergency Action Officer, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

General Fago began his career with an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. General Fago graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1979 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. General Fago attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, and completed initial KC-135A training at Castle Air Force Base, California. General Fago was assigned to the 28th Air Refueling Squadron, 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. In 1985, General Fago was board selected as one of the first crewmembers for the KC-10 program. He was assigned as a KC-10 aircraft commander to the 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. In 1988, General Fago separated from active duty and joined Air Force Reserves in the 78th Air Refueling Squadron, 142nd Air Refueling Group at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. In 1994, General Fago joined the Nebraska Air National Guard as a KC-135R pilot. In July of 1996, he assumed duties as the Chief of Training in the 155th Operations Support Flight. As the Operations Officer and acting Squadron Commander, he was instrumental in the Pacer Compass Radar And Global Positioning conversion and directing increased operations following 9/11. In May 2001, General Fago assumed command of the 173rd Air Refueling Squadron. During his command the unit continued operations in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle, and participated in flying operations supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. In January 2004, General Fago assumed command of the 155th Operations Group and deployed to both the Pacific Theater and the European Theater in support of the Global War on Terrorism. In 2005, General Fago served as Vice Wing Commander of the 155th Air Refueling Wing contributing to the Air Force Global Reach mission by supporting United States and allied military forces world-wide with aerial refueling and transportation of passengers and cargo. In June 2008, General Fago deployed to the Combined Air Operations Center in the Central Command Area of Responsibility as the Deputy Director of Mobility Forces in direct support of operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa.

### **EDUCATION:**

1979 United States Air Force Academy, Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Engineering, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1984 Marine Corps Command & Staff College Correspondence

1987 University of Southern California, Masters of Science, Safety & Systems Management, Los Angeles, California

2002 Air War College, Correspondence

2006 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Norfolk, Virginia  
2009 Joint Task Force Commander Course, Colorado Springs, Colorado

2012 National Defense University, CAPSTONE, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington,  
District of Columbia

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. July 1979 - August 1980, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Course, 64th Student Squadron, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. August 1980 - December 1980, Student, Initial Pilot Qualification, KC-135, 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Castle Air Force Base, California
3. December 1980 - August 1982, Co-pilot, KC-135, 28th Air Refueling Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota
4. August 1982 - May 1983, Instructor Co-pilot, KC-135, 28th Air Refueling Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota
5. May 1983 - April 1984, Pilot, KC-135, 28th Air Refueling Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota
6. April 1984 - December 1984, Aircraft Commander, KC-135, 28th Air Refueling Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota
7. December 1984 - July 1985, Instructor Pilot, KC-135, 28th Air Refueling Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota
8. July 1985 - October 1985, Pilot, KC-10, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
9. October 1985 - December 1986, Aircraft Commander, KC-10, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
10. December 1986 - April 1987, Instructor Pilot, KC-10, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
11. April 1987 - June 1987, Instructor Aircraft Commander, KC10, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
12. June 1987 - September 1987, Training Flight Instructor/Aircraft Commander, KC-10, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
13. September 1987 - August 1988, Standard Evaluation/Instructor Aircraft Commander, KC-10, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
14. August 1988 - December 1988, Aircraft Commander, KC-10, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
15. December 1988 - August 1994, Instructor Pilot Flight Examiner, KC-10, 78th Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
16. August 1994 - February 1997, Combat Ready Aircraft Commander, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska
17. February 1997 - September 1998, Chief of Training, 155th Operations Support Flight, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska
18. September 1998 - September 2000, Flight Commander, KC135, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska
19. September 2000 - September 2001, Operations Officer, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska
20. September 2001 - September 2003, Commander, 173rd Air Refueling Squadron,

Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska

21. September 2003 - September 2005, Commander, 155th Operations Group, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska

22. September 2005 - October 2008, Vice Commander, 155th Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska

23. October 2008 - Present, Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters - Air, Nebraska Air National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska; Dual-hatted, December 2010 - Present, Assistant to the Director of Operations, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: more than 5,000

Military Aircraft Flown: T-41C, T-33A, T-37A, T-38A, T-1A, KC-135A/Q/R, KC-10A

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

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Achievement Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Combat Readiness Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Southwest Asia Campaign (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster and Gold Frame)

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device and Gold Hourglass)

Air Force Training Ribbon

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

Second Lieutenant 30 May 1979

First Lieutenant 30 May 1981

Captain 30 May 1983

Major 30 May 1993

Lieutenant Colonel 14 March 1999

Colonel 13 December 2003

Brigadier General 4 February 2009