



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALLEN G. BRANCO III

Lieutenant Colonel Allen Branco is the Commander of the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. He leads over 500 military and civilian engineers who build, operate, maintain, and protect the infrastructure and facilities of Eielson Air Force Base. These efforts enable the Wing to support U.S. national interests worldwide, to include RED FLAG-Alaska and the future beddown of two F-35 squadrons at Eielson.

Lieutenant Colonel Branco was commissioned in 2003 through Officer Training School. A career civil engineer officer, he has led Flights assigned to three Civil Engineer Squadrons, a RED HORSE Squadron and a Combined Joint Counter-IED Task Force. He has supported Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and NATO's Resolute Support mission while serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Qatar.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Executive Officer to the Director of Civil Engineers at Headquarters U.S. Air Force. Lieutenant Colonel Branco is qualified as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer and is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Nebraska.



EDUCATION:

2002 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Nebraska Omaha
2003 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2011 Master of Science in Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin
2013 Air Command and Staff College (non-resident)
2015 Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kan.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 2003 - May 2006, Programmer, Deputy Engineering Flight Commander and Readiness Flight Commander, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
2. May 2006 - May 2007, Airfield Construction Manager, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
3. May 2007 - March 2008, EOD Training, Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Eglin AFB, Fla.
4. March 2008 - July 2010, EOD Flight Commander, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
5. August 2010 - December 2011, Student, AF Institute of Technology Civilian Institute Program, Austin, Texas
6. January 2012 - June 2013, Engineering Flight Commander, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. June 2013 - June 2014, Operations Flight Commander, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
8. June 2014 - June 2015, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kan.
9. July 2015 – May 2017, Air Force EOD Program Director, Directorate of Civil Engineers, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. May 2017 – June 2018, Executive Officer to the Air Force Director of Civil Engineers, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2018 – Present, Commander, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 27, 2003
First Lieutenant June 27, 2005
Captain June 27, 2007

Major Nov 1, 2013
Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 2018

(Current as of Jul 2018)