



COL Joe Minor **PM, Fixed Wing**

Colonel Joseph S. Minor is a native of Grants Pass, Oregon. He is a 2001 Graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was commissioned as an Army Aviator and attended initial flight training and AH-64D qualification at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

COL Minor's initial operational assignment was in the Republic of Korea with the Gunfighters of 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment where he served as a Support Platoon Leader, AH-64D Attack Platoon Leader, and Aviation Maintenance Company Commander. Upon returning to the United States, he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology where he received a Master of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering in 2008 and graduated as an Experimental Test Pilot with class #137 from United States Naval Test Pilot School in 2010.

His first flight test assignment was at the Aviation Flight Test Directorate where he served as an AH-64D/E Test Pilot, and Chief of the Integrated Systems Test Division. He then deployed to Afghanistan in 2012 with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where he advised the Brigade Commander on airworthiness and technology initiatives while flying over 225 combat hours in the AH-64D and UH-60M aircraft.

Upon returning from Afghanistan, COL Minor served as the Chief, Flight Projects Branch, Associate Director for Design and Test, and DVE Mitigation Program Manager at the Aeroflight Dynamics Directorate at Moffett Field, California from 2013-2017. COL Minor then moved to Ft. Eustis, Virginia, and served at the Advanced Aviation Assessment Program Office in support of the Aviation Integration Directorate and AMCOM Special Programs (Aviation).

COL Minor commanded Redstone Test Center's Aviation Flight Test Directorate from 2019-2022, where in addition to leading the 400-person directorate, he also actively participated in flight test as an Experimental Test Pilot in the Apache and Blackhawk helicopters, and the King Air airplane. In August 2022, he became the Project Manager for Army Fixed Wing Aircraft within Program Executive Office, Aviation in Huntsville, Alabama.

COL Minor is a Master Army Aviator with over 3,400 hours of flight time in over 35 different fixed and rotary wing aircraft, including over 450 hours of experimental flight time. He is an Associate Fellow in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and is rated in the AH-64D/E, UH-60A/L/M/V, OH-58A/C, B206 and C-12C/D/G.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, NATO Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Master Army Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Combat Action Badge.

