



ALLIED AIR COMMAND



BIOGRAPHY

BRIGADIER GENERAL ERSIN ESER **Deputy Chief of Staff Plans**

Brigadier General Ersin Eser is the Deputy Chief of Staff Plans at NATO's Headquarters Allied Air Command, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He is responsible to the Chief of Staff for directing, monitoring and co-ordinating operational capability development staff functions and developing and implementing policy related to operational issues. He advises the Commander, through the Chief of Staff, on policy matters regarding programming, planning and conducting of military cooperation activities, including Civil-Military Cooperation, tactical assessments and evaluations.

General Eser earned his commission in 1991 as a graduate from the Turkish Air Force Academy. He took the Undergraduate Pilot Training Course at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, TX.



After completing F-16 Conversion Training at 4th Main Jet Base, Ankara, General Eser served as an F-16 pilot at several F-16 squadrons, including 162nd Air to Air Squadron, Bandırma, 143rd F-16 Conversion Squadron, Ankara and 151st SEAD Squadron, Merzifon. He is a graduate of the Turkish Air War College and Turkish Armed Forces Staff College.

General Eser commanded 143rd F-16 Conversion Training Squadron in Ankara and 8th Main Jet Base Fighter Group consisting of three squadrons of bomber, air to air and Search and Rescue assets in Diyarbakır. He served as staff officer in J5 Advance Planning Branch for 3 years and as J3 Targeting and Ops Specialist Section Head for 2 years at Joint Force Command Naples. General Eser speaks English and Italian and is married with two children.

EDUCATION

- 1991 Turkish Air Forces Academy, Istanbul
- 1995 Electronic Warfare Course, Electronic Warfare Support Center, Ankara
- 2000 Conventional Targeting and Weaponing Course, NATO School, Oberammergau
- 2004 Turkish Air War Collage, Istanbul
- 2006 Operational Planning Course, NATO School, Oberammergau
- 2010 Turkish Armed Forces Staff College, Istanbul

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1991 – March 1993, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB Lubbock, Texas
2. August 1993 – February 1994, F-5 Combat Transition Training, 3rd MJB, Konya
3. March 1994 – January, F-16 Conversion Training, 4th MJB, Ankara
4. February 1995 – July 1998, 162nd AWX Sqn, & 8th MJB, Bandırma
5. July 1998 – July 2002, Instructor Pilot, 143rd F-16 Conversion Sqn, 4th MJB, Ankara
6. July 2002 – July 2004, Student, Turkish Air War Collage, Istanbul
7. August 2004 – May 2005, Training Section Head, 5th MJB, Merzifon
8. June 2005 – July 2006, 151st SEAD Sqn Chief of Ops, 5th MJB Merzifon

9. August 2006 – August 2009, Staff Officer, J5 Advance Planning Branch, JFC HQ
Naples, Italy
10. August 2009 – July 2010, Ops Section Head, 4th MJB, Ankara
11. July 2010 – July 2011, Sq Commander, F16 Conversion Squadron, 4th MJB, Ankara
12. August 2011 – August 2013, Targeting and Ops Specialist Section Head, JFC HQ
Naples, Italy
13. August 2013 – August 2015, Ops Commander, 8th MJB, Diyarbakır
14. August 2015 – August 2016, Flag Officer, Personnel Branch Head, TAF HQ, Ankara
15. August 2016 – present, Deputy Chief of Staff Plans, HQ Allied Air Command

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Instructor Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3000 flight hours on F-16 Blocks 30/40/50/50+

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Academy Graduation Ribbon

Operation Service Ribbon

Combat Operation Service Ribbon

Administrative and Logistics Service Ribbon

Foreign Assignment Achievement Ribbon

Training and Education Achievement Ribbon

Fighting Against Terrorism Ribbon

Commander's Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

2nd Lieutenant, 1991

1st Lieutenant, 1994

Captain, 2000

Major, 2004

Lieutenant Colonel, 2009

Colonel, 2011

Brigadier General, 2015

(Current as of October 2017)