



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR RUEL F. FUENTECILLA

Major Ruel F. Fuentecilla, a member of the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Channel Islands Air National Guard Station (ANGS), is the Civil Operations Program Manager for the California National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force. He is the former Commander of the Counterdrug Task Force, Los Angeles District High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (LAHIDTA). He led an elite joint force of active duty Army and Air National Guard personnel who are embedded with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, task forces, and intelligence fusion centers spread across nine counties in the Central and Southern California area. Assigned to the Los Angeles Criminal Information Clearinghouse, he oversaw and managed law enforcement partnerships and the provision of unique military support capabilities and operations with a counter-narcotics nexus. These services include, but are not limited to, criminal intelligence analysis, counter-terrorism/threat financial analysis, air, ground, and maritime reconnaissance and surveillance operations, overt and covert special operations, ground tactical and combat casualty care training, and civil operations support, such as community anti-drug coalition development, grant writing, and drug prevention and education programs.



Major Fuentecilla was born in Castillejos, Zambales, Philippines and raised in California. He enlisted in the Air Force in July 1985 and graduated from basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas followed by medical service specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas in Sept. 1985. He served on active duty until Feb 1988 before being accepted into the Air Force Palace Chase program. As part of the program, he immediately transferred to the Air National Guard where he would serve his remaining enlistment commitment. His background included various duties as a medical technician within a medical treatment facility and an aircrew position as an aeromedical evacuation technician. After a six year break-in-service from 1993-1999, Maj Fuentecilla re-entered the military in July 1999 to resume enlisted service with the California Air National Guard, where he was assigned to an airlift squadron supporting a flight surgeon as the squadron medical element, followed by assignment as a medical group superintendent. Maj Fuentecilla is a 2008 graduate of National University in La Jolla, Calif. and a 2006 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Phoenix, Southern California Campus. He received a direct commission to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the USAF Medical Service Corps in Jan 2009.

Prior to his commissioning, Maj Fuentecilla achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. He has had numerous deployments in support of overseas special operations combat search and rescue missions, contingency operations, and humanitarian missions, which include Operations Desert Storm-Kuwait/UAE, Joint Forge-United Kingdom, Southern Watch-Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, Northern Watch-Turkey, Medrete-Central America, Rough and Ready-Ukraine, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan and countless counterdrug mission support local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

#### EDUCATION

- 2005 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Officer Training Course, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 2006 Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Administration, University of Phoenix, Costa Mesa, Calif.
- 2007 Professional Certificate, Crime and Intelligence Analysis, California State University, Fullerton, Calif.
- 2008 Master of Public Administration/Organizational Leadership, National University, La Jolla, Calif.
- 2009 Civil Operations, Regional Counterdrug Training Academy, Naval Air Station Meridian, Miss.
- 2010 Pharmaceutical Drug Crimes Course, San Diego, Calif.

2010 Air Force Officer Training School/Commissioned Officer Training, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2011 Terrorism Liaison Officer Basic Course, Riverside, Calif.  
2011 Intelligence and Informant Management Course, Los Angeles, Calif.  
2012 Health Services Administrator School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas  
2012 Covert Lock Picking and Bypass Tactics Basic and Advanced Course, Special Operations Group, Whittier, Calif.  
2013 NORAD/NORCOM Joint Staff Officer Basic Course, San Diego, Calif.  
2014 Aeromedical Evacuation Patient Staging Course (AEPSC), Camp Bullis, Texas  
2014 National Guard Bureau LEAN Six-Sigma Green Belt Certification Course, Mather, Calif.  
2014 Short Haul Certification Course, Redding, Calif.  
2015 Squadron Officer School In-Residence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2016 Medical Readiness Management Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas  
2018 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Mentor Officer Training Course, Williamsburg, Va.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 1985 – February 1988, Medical Service Specialist, 93<sup>rd</sup> Strategic Hospital, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
2. February 1988 – July 1993, Flight Medic, 146<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
3. July 1999 – July 2004, Squadron Medical Element, 115<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
4. August 2004 – March 2008, SGN Superintendent, 146<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
5. November 2004 – January 2009, Region Chief, Drug Demand Reduction, Counterdrug Task Force, Orange, Calif
6. April 2008 – January 2009, NCOIC, Medical Readiness, 146<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
7. January 2009 – October 2017, Commander, Counterdrug Task Force, Los Angeles High Intensity Drug
8. January 2009 – Present, Team Chief, Enroute Patient Staging System, 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.
9. January 2016 – Present, OIC, Medical Readiness, 146<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Channel Islands ANGS, Calif.  
Trafficking Area (HIDTA) District, Commerce, Calif.
10. October 2017 – April 2019, Civil Operations Program Manager, Counterdrug Task Force, Los Angeles, Calif.
11. October 2017 – April 2019, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) America Liaison Officer, Culver City, Calif.

### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. November 2004 – October 2010, Region Chief, California Military Department, Departments of the Army and Air Force, Counterdrug Task Force, Commerce, Calif., as a Master Sergeant
2. October 2010 – October 2017, Commander, California Military Department, Departments of the Army and Air Force, Counterdrug Task Force, Commerce, Calif., as a Lieutenant, Captain and Major
3. October 2017 – April 2019, Civil Operations Program Manager, California Military Department, Departments of the Army and Air Force, Counterdrug Task Force, Los Angeles, Calif., as a Major

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Army Achievement Medal  
Air Force Reserve Meritorious Service Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Saudi Arabia for the Liberation of Kuwait Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Airman Basic July 23, 1985  
Airman Jan. 24, 1986  
Airman First Class July 24, 1986  
Senior Airman July 23, 1987  
Sergeant, Feb. 25, 1988  
Staff Sergeant Feb. 24, 1990  
Staff Sergeant July 14, 1999  
Technical Sergeant Jan. 7, 2002  
Master Sergeant Jan. 30, 2004  
First Lieutenant Jan. 9, 2009  
Captain Jan. 9, 2011  
Major Sep. 11, 2016  
Major (Ret) Apr. 1, 2019

(Current as of May 2019)