

We are proud to welcome Jeff Menasco as Truckee Tahoe Airport's new Director of Aviation. Originally from Elk Grove, CA, Jeff returns to the west after serving 28+ years in the United States Air Force. He's had a life-long passion for flying, starting as a Civil Air Patrol cadet throughout high school, earning his Private Pilot License, then becoming an Air Force Pilot.

Jeff brings a vast array of aviation, management, and leadership experience to the TTAD team. Colonel Menasco earned his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at CA State University, Sacramento. He began his career as an Intelligence Officer in the 510th Fighter Squadron (F-16), Aviano Air Base, Italy, during the Balkan campaigns. He then completed joint pilot training at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Texas, with the United States Navy.

The majority of Jeff's flying time is in the C-130 (E, H, & J models), earning his Aircraft Commander, Instructor, Evaluator, and Functional Check Flight Pilot ratings. He has extensive worldwide flying and operations experience, with 16 of his 28+ years spent overseas. At the tactical level, he was Chief of Exercises and Inspections & Director of Operations in Germany and the Chief of Safety in Japan. At the operational level, he was assigned to HQ Air Force as the Chief of Adaptive Planning in the War Plans Division, then later assigned as the US Transportation Command Liaison to Europe and Africa Commands.

Jeff's previous command positions include the 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan (C-130H); 86th Operations Group, Ramstein Air Base, Germany (C-130J) and 317th Airlift Wing, Dyess Air Force Base, TX (C-130J). While serving as the 317th Airlift Wing Commander, he led the largest C-130J formation in history with 34 aircraft from 2 bases. He is a Command Pilot with over 3,300 flying hours in the T-37, T-44 (King Air B90), C-21 (LJ-35), C-37 (GV), C-40 (737) and C-130E/H/J aircraft with combat time over Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

In Jeff's last Air Force assignment, he was the Deputy Director of the Directorate of Operations, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration for Air Mobility Command (AMC). He was responsible for organizing, training, and equipping personnel who operate, maintain, and sustain AMC's global operations comprised of over 1,100 aircraft and 110,000 total force airmen. Jeff has an extensive educational background and is a graduate of both the USAF's Air Command and Staff College and the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Jeff, his wife Jessica (an Air Force Reservist), and children Jack (16), Siena (14), and Julia (12) are excited to call Truckee their new home after 16 moves. They love the outdoors and you'll find them skiing, hiking, biking, or at the theater, regardless of the weather.