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Holloman welcomes new commander with reassignment to ACC

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – Holloman welcomed its new commander and was reassigned from Air Education and Training Command (AETC) to Air Combat Command (ACC) during a ceremony at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., June 4.

U.S. Air Force Col. Michael Mullin assumed command of the 49th Wing from Col. John Ethridge. Mullin transferred from the 354th Fighter Wing at Eielson AFB, Alaska, where he was the deputy commander.

Mullin is no stranger to Holloman AFB. From January 2018 to April 2019, he was director of operations for the 314th Fighter Squadron and then as commander of that squadron from May 2019 to May 2021.

“Community leaders and partners, Shari and I are thrilled to be back in Alamogordo. We look forward to working with each and every one of you over the next two years to make our community and Holloman Air Force Base an amazing place to live and work,” said Col. Michael Mullin, commander of the 49th Wing. “Fightin’ 49ers, it’s the honor of my career to have the opportunity to lead this wing and stand alongside of you every day for the next two years.”

Mullin is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours, including 580 combat hours in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Resolute Support. He has flown the F-16 Fighting Falcon, T-38 Talon, T-37 Tweet, and MQ-9 Reaper.

Holloman is [the first of several combat air forces formal training units to be reassigned](#) from AETC to ACC in a move intended to enhance readiness by streamlining the training pipeline for fighter and remotely piloted aircraft units.

“I want to be the first to welcome the 49th Wing to 15th Air Force and Air Combat Command,” said Maj. Gen. Steven Behmer, 15th Air Force commander. “Every Airman in the 49th Wing directly enables America’s ability to generate and sustain the most lethal Air Force in the world. The 49th Wing is critical to our collective ability to build, sustain, and project combat ready formations.”

Holloman Air Force Base is the largest Formal Training Unit for F-16s and MQ-9s in the U.S. Air Force. The 49th Wing is responsible for training almost half of all F-16 pilots in the U.S. Air Force and producing approximately 25% of all fighter pilots in the entire U.S. Air Force.