

Recep Unal, Commander, Air Training, Turkish Air Force

Brigadier General Recep ÜNAL graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1984. He earned his wings after completing the Pilot School training in 1985. He also attended the Air Force Staff College between 1994 and 1996 and the Armed Forces Staff College in 2001. Brigadier General ÜNAL served in various operational and staff positions throughout his aviation career. His numerous assignments include the 5th Main Jet Base between 1985 and 1991 and 3th Main Jet Base from 1991 to 1994 as Fighter Pilot. He was in the team of founding of the Turkish Acrobatic Team Turkish Stars in Konya at 1993. He served as a Flight Commander at the 5th Main Jet Base in Merzifon between 1985 and 1991. From 1998 to 2001, he was assigned as a Staff Officer to Plans Section, Reaction Forces Air Staff, Germany. Upon completion of his first NATO tour, he later commanded 132nd Squadron with the 3th Main Jet Base in Konya, until 2003. In 2003, He was assigned as Force Planning Section Chief with the J5 at the Turkish General Staff HQ in Ankara. Then, he was assigned to JFC HQ Brunssum, Netherlands as Air Operation Section Chief between 2005 and 2007. Upon completion of his second NATO tour, He was assigned to 3th Main Jet Base in Konya as Chief of Inspection at 2007, one year later as Operational Commander. Then he has performed Training and Exercises Division Head in Air Command İzmir, Turkey for two years. Later he has performed Director of Training in Turkish Air War College. In 2013 He has promoted as Brigadier General. Currently he is Training Department Chief of Turkish Air Force HQ. Brigadier General Recep ÜNAL is married to Mrs. Şeyda ÜNAL, with two children; one daughter and a son.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1984 Air Force Academy
1985 Pilot Training School
1994 Air Force Staff College
1998 NATO Defence College – ITA.
2001 Armed Forces Staff College

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
He has a total of 3100 flying hours on F-5 and F-4 aircraft.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

1984 2nd Lieutenant
1987 1st Lieutenant
1993 Captain
1998 Major
2002 Lieutenant Colonel
2004 Colonel
2013 Brigadier General