



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL BRENT W. WRIGHT

Colonel Brent Wright is the vice commander of the 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Oklahoma. As second-in-command, he ensures the combat readiness of the second largest combat coded Air National Guard F-16 unit. He assists the Wing Commander with organizing, training, and equipping more than 1,200 Guard and Technician forces. He also serves as the Director of the Governor's Task Force to ensure a successful mission change to the F-35A Lightning II.

Colonel Wright was born in Enid, Oklahoma. He began his career in 1989 as an Infantryman with the 45th Infantry Brigade. He received a direct commission into the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps. He transferred to the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corp and subsequently became a line officer. He served in many overseas peacetime and contingency deployments to include Operations JOINT FORGE, NORTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM. Prior to his current position, he was the Commander of the 138th Mission Support Group.

Colonel Wright practiced law prior to fulltime employment with the Oklahoma National Guard. He also maintains a passive partnership in a registered investment advisor firm located in Tulsa, Okla.



#### EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.  
1992 Juris Doctorate, University of Tulsa School of Law, Tulsa, Okla.  
1993 Judge Advocate Officers Basic Course, Charlottesville, Va.  
1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala.  
2009 SDE National Security Fellowship, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.  
2015 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, NC  
2015 Level IV Antiterrorism Executive Training, McLean, Va.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1989 - March 1993, Infantryman, 45th Infantry Brigade (Enhanced), Tulsa, Okla.
2. March 1993 - June 1997, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, and later, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 45th Infantry Brigade (Separate), Edmond, Okla.
3. June 1997 - July 2008, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, later Staff Judge Advocate, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Okla. (March 1999 - June 1999, International Lawyer, Organization for the Security and Cooperation of Europe, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) (February 2000 - March 2000, Staff Judge Advocate, 125th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, 39th Air and Space Expeditionary Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey) (January 2001 - February 2001, Staff Judge Advocate, 125th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Azraq AB, Jordan) (July 2001 - August

- 2001, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 39th Wing, Incirlik AB, Turkey) (October 2003 - March 2004, Staff Judge Advocate, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad AB, Iraq)
4. July 2008 - June 2009, Student, National Security Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.
  5. June 2009 - December 2009, Staff Judge Advocate, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.
  6. December 2009 - August 2012, Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma Air National Guard, Oklahoma City, Okla.
  7. August 2012 - February 2014, Commander, 138th Mission Support Group, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.
  8. February 2014 - October 2014, Commander, 138th Maintenance Group, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.
  9. October 2014 - September 2015, Commander, 138th Mission Support Group, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.
  10. October 2015 - present, Vice Commander, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. September 2010 - August 2012, Vice Chief of the Joint Staff (Air), Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma National Guard, Okla., as a GS-14
2. October 2013 - October 2014, Chief of Staff (Air), Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma National Guard, Okla., as a GS-14

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Army Commendation Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Army Achievement Medal  
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal  
Air Force Recognition Ribbon  
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Armed Force Reserve Medal with two 'M' devices and hourglass  
NATO Medal (Former Republic of Yugoslavia)  
Air Assault Badge

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

2004 Reginald C. Harmon Award, Outstanding Reserve Judge Advocate

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

45th Infantry Division Association  
Harvard Alumni Association  
Leadership Oklahoma  
Military Officers Association of America  
National Guard Association of the United States  
Oklahoma Bar Association  
Oklahoma State University Alumni Association  
Sigma Chi Fraternity  
University of Tulsa Alumni Association  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

First Lieutenant March 4, 1993  
Captain March 24, 1994  
Major June 15, 1998  
Lieutenant Colonel June 15, 2002  
Colonel August 10, 2010

(Current as of February 2016)