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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DAVID E. PHILLIPS JR

Col David Phillips is Deputy Wing Commander at 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa, Oklahoma. As the deputy commander, he assists the wing commander in the organization, training and deployment of the second largest combat coded Air National Guard fighter wing, consisting of nearly 1200 Airmen. The wing is home to the multi-role F-16 Viper, assigned to the 125th Fighter Squadron, which flies more than 2600 sorties and 4000 hours per year. The wing also maintains Detachment 1 at Ellington Field, Texas, executing the Aerospace Control Alert mission. Col Phillips assists the wing commander with providing the governor with personnel and equipment to meet state emergencies, national emergencies and on-going force requirements.

Colonel Phillips was commissioned into the United States Air Force in May 2001 after receiving his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Valdosta State University and completing a four-year AFROTC program. Colonel began Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Whiting Field Naval Air Station, Florida then advanced to Vance AFB, Okla. In 2003, he attended the F-16 Basic Course at Luke AFB, Ariz. where he became a qualified F-16 pilot. Colonel Phillips was assigned to the 555th Fighter Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy where he was upgraded to a four-ship flight lead, forward air controller, airborne, mission commander, and F-16 instructor pilot. In 2007, he was assigned to the 79th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina where he was upgraded to an F-16 Evaluator Pilot and completed his Master of Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He was assigned in 2010 to the 12th Air Force Staff as a Numbered Air Force Evaluator. Colonel Phillips joined the OKANG in February 2012 where he has served as a 125th Fighter Squadron Flight Commander, 138th Operations Group Chief of Standardization and Evaluations, the 138th Fighter Wing Inspector General, and commander of 138th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Prior to his current position, the Colonel was the commander of 138th Mission Support Group, Tulsa, Okla.



Colonel Phillips has flown more than 2,000 hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon, 107 combat sorties, and 445 hours of combat time. He is a tested veteran of combat missions in Operations JOINT FORGE, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Business Administration, Valdosta State University, Ga.
2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2009 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.
2014 Air Command and Staff College, Distance Learning
2019 Air War College, Distance Learning

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 2001–September 2001, Vault Duty Officer, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
2. October 2001–May 2002, T-34 Student Pilot, Whiting Field Naval Air Station, Fla.





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3. June 2002–February 2003, T-38 Student Pilot, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
4. March 2003–May 2003, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Student Pilot, Moody AFB, Georgia
5. June 2003–June 2004, F-16 Basic Course Student Pilot, Luke AFB, Arizona
6. July 2004–July 2007, F-16 Mission Commander, Instructor, FAC-A, Aviano Air Base, Italy. (September 2005–January 2006, Mission Commander, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad AB, Iraq)
7. August 2007–February 2010, F-16 Evaluator, Flight Commander, Shaw AFB, South Carolina (January 2008–April 2008, Flight Commander, Pacific Theater Support Package, Kadena AB, Japan)(September 2009–January 2010, Flight Commander, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Balad AB, Iraq)
8. March 2010–January 2012, 12th Air Force Flight Evaluator, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
9. February 2012–March 2014, Flight Commander, F-16 Evaluator Pilot, OKANG, Tulsa, Okla (August 2013–November 2013, Flight Commander, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Kandahar AB, Afghanistan)
10. April 2014–January 2017, Chief of Stan/Eval, OKANG, Tulsa, Okla
11. February 2017–January 2018, IG/Chief of Wing Plans, OKANG, Tulsa, Okla
12. February 2018–April 2019, Wing Inspector General, OKANG, Tulsa, Okla
13. May 2019 – May 2022, Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander, OKANG, Tulsa, Okla
14. June 2022–July 2024, Mission Support Group Commander, OKANG, Tulsa, Okla
15. July 2024–Present, Deputy Wing Commander, OKANG, Tulsa, Okla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

138FW Enlisted Choice Award, 2010

12 AF/OV CGO of the Year, 2017

555th Fighter Squadron CGO of the Year 2004

Lt Raymond F. Harmeyer Award, 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of United States National Guard Association of Oklahoma

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 2001

First Lieutenant May 30, 2003

Captain May 30, 2005

Major June 01, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel January 07, 2018

Colonel May 22, 2022

(Current as of October 2024)

