138TH FIGHTER WING
TULSA VIPERS

MISSION STATEMENT
America’s premier Fighter Wing defending Freedom with lethal, agile Combat Air Power; devoted Citizen Airmen always ready to support the Nation, the State of Oklahoma and our communities with Strength and Honor.

LEGACY
Since 1957, the citizen Airmen of the Tulsa based Air National Guard have responded to our Nation and State calls to duty. After the conversion to the F-16, the 138th Fighter Wing has participated in Operations Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, and Freedom’s Sentinel.

READINESS
Always Ready, Always There... the 138th Fighter Wing has been and will always remain ready to fight the enemy and assist our community. Over the next decade, we will increasingly focus readiness efforts on forging America’s best Airmen - The Tulsa Standard!

LETHALITY
The 138th Fighter Wing will remain America’s first and most lethal choice for agile combat air power. The Wing will persist as a strategically predictable and globally responsive force for combatant commanders, always ready to secure the homeland, fight America’s wars and sustain American influence abroad. When tasked, Tulsa-based Airmen will execute all missions with the best possible leadership, training and equipment available so that they may return home safely with Strength and Honor.

FIGHTER WING
- 1204 Authorized Personnel
- 21 Primary Assigned Aircraft
- Second Largest F-16, Air National Guard Fighter Wing
- Combat proven in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Mission Training Center improves readiness and pilot lethality
- First ANG unit to receive high-fidelity F-16 simulators

DETACHMENT-1
- Aerospace Control Alert (ACA) is a 24/7 no fail mission located at Ellington Field, Houston, TX.
- Tulsans defend the Gulf Region from New Orleans to Tucson with armed aircraft ready at a moment’s notice.
- Pilots are trained for the ACA mission at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base.

RELATIONSHIPS
The Wing’s relationships with internal and external communities is vital to securing the future. Healthy relationships help attract and retain top Airmen and employees as well as position the Wing positively, which increasingly improves the ability to resource the force. The goal is to continue to build trust and enduring relationships with local, state, tribal, national and international entities.

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COLONEL MICHAEL B. MEASON

Col Michael B. Meason, Commander, 138h Fighter Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard (ANG). He is the senior officer responsible for organizing, training, and equipping over 1,200 personnel. He provides the governor and federal commanders with personnel and equipment to meet state emergencies, national emergencies and ongoing force requirements. The wing provides command, control and oversight of a 21 primary assigned F-16CM fighter squadron, flies more than 2,600 sorties annually and logs more than 4,000 flying hours each year. He is also responsible for oversight of 138th FW, Detachment 1 at Ellington Field, Texas executing the Aerospace Control Alert mission.

Col Meason graduated in 1997 from the US Naval Academy with a degree in marine engineering, and was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy. In the Navy, he served as an instructor pilot in the F-14B, FA-18E/F, and T-34C with assignments at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, VA and NAS Lemoore, CA. He transitioned from the Navy to the Arkansas ANG and the A-10C in 2008, and later joined the 138th FW in October 2009. As an Air Liaison Officer with the 138th Combat Training Flight, he served as the Director of Operations and Commander, responsible for the US Army Joint Fires Observer and ANG Tactical Air Control Party training programs. Col Meason completed F-16CM training in 2012, and has served the 138th FW with assignments as the Plans Officer and Inspector General, and the 138th Operations Support Squadron. Prior to his current position, Colonel Meason was Vice Commander, 138th Fighter Wing.

Col Meason is an Air Force Command pilot with over 2900 hours of flight time, 295 carrier landings as a Naval Aviator, and has completed numerous deployments in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, JOINT GUARDIAN, as well as PACOM Theater Support. In his civilian capacity, Col Meason is a pilot with a major airline.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Marine Engineering, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
2011 ANG Intermediate Development Course, Andrews AFB, MD
2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2017 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2017 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort McNair, D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Ratings: Air Force Command Pilot; Naval Aviator
Flight Hours: more than 2,900

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1997 – July 1997, Public Affairs Office Assistant, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
6. April 2004 – February 2008, T-34C and F/A-18E/F FRS Instructor pilot; Landing Signal Officer; NVG and Low Altitude Training Phase Head; T-34C Program Manager, Naval Air Station Lemoore, California
8. October 2009 – May 2012, Director of Operations, 138th Combat Training Flight; Joint Fires Observer Course Officer-in-Charge, Joint Staff Action Officer, Joint and Combined Integration Directorate (JACI), Fort Sill, Oklahoma
9. May 2012 – December 2012, Director of Operations, F-16CM Pilot, Air Liaison Officer, ANG TACP Project 275 Course Officer-in-Charge, 138th Combat Training Flight, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma
10. December 2012 – February 2014, Commander, F-16CM Pilot, Air Liaison Officer, 138th Combat Training Flight, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma
13. February 2019 – October 2019, Vice Commander, F-16CM Pilot, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa, Oklahoma
14. October 2019 – Present, Commander, F-16CM Pilot, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa, Oklahoma

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Meritorious Service Medal with two devices
- Air Medal with one device
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal with one device
- Army Achievement Medal
- Navy Achievement Medal with one device
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one device
- Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation with one device
- National Defense Service Medal with one device
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with 3 oak leaf clusters
- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
- NATO Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- National Guard Association of the United States
- National Guard Association of Oklahoma
- Tailhook Association
- Commemorative Air Force

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Ensign May 23, 1997
- Lieutenant (Junior Grade) May 23, 1999
- Lieutenant June 1, 2001
- Lieutenant Commander, May 1, 2007
- Major February 29, 2008
- Lieutenant Colonel July 17, 2013
- Colonel February 9, 2019

(Current as of October 2019)
COLONEL ROBIN M. CAVANAUGH

Col Robin M. Cavanaugh is the Vice Commander, 138 Fighter Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard (ANG). As the vice commander, she 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 Cavanaugh assists the wing commander with providing the governor with personnel and equipment to meet state emergencies, national emergencies and on-going force requirements.

Col Cavanaugh entered the Oklahoma Air National Guard on September 15, 1989. She attended the Academy of Military Science and received her commission in May of 1996. She has served the Oklahoma Air National Guard and the 138 Fighter Wing since 1989.

She has deployed numerous times with the 138 Fighter Wing to include Operation Northern Watch, Incirlik Air Base Turkey where she served as the Executive Officer for the Detachment Commander, Kandahar Air Base Afghanistan where she was the Logistics Readiness Officer in Charge for the 125 Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, and Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar where she served as the A67 Division Chief within the Combined Air Operations Center.

EDUCATION

1994 Tulsa Junior College
1996 Academy of Military Science
1999 Oklahoma State University, Tulsa, Oklahoma
1999 Squadron Officer School - Correspondence
2000 University of Oklahoma, Tulsa, Oklahoma
2009 Air Command and Staff – Correspondence
2015 Air War College - Seminar

ASSIGNMENTS
3. April 1992 – May 1995, Personnel Specialist, 138th Fighter Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard, OK
5. June 1996 – November 2002, Executive Officer, 138th Logistics Group, Oklahoma Air National Guard, OK
6. November 2002 – May 2011, Wing Executive Officer, 138th Fighter Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard, OK
7. August 2013 – November 2013, Logistics Readiness OIC, 125 Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Kandahar, Afghanistan
8. May 2011 – August 2015, Squadron Commander, 138th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Oklahoma Air National Guard, OK
12. May 2018 – October 2019, Commander, 219 Engineering Installation Squadron, Oklahoma Air National Guard, OK
13. October 2019 – Current, Vice Commander, 138th Fighter Wing, Oklahoma Air National Guard, OK

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two devices
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)
AF Training Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster
NATO Medal

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of the United States
National Guard Association of Oklahoma

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

2d Lt May 1996
1st Lt May 1998
Capt May 2000
Maj June 2004
Lt Col August 2010
Col October 2019

(Current as of October 2019)
CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT DENNIS DIPIAZZO

Chief Master Sergeant Dennis Dipiazza serves as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Air National Guard. He is responsible for advising commanders and staff on all matters affecting readiness, training, utilization, professional development, health, morale and welfare for approximately 1,200 Airmen of the wing. As the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Wing Commander, he works to provide a cohesive enlisted force and to mentor, educate and grow Airmen at all levels. He leads by example daily to inspire and sustain a culture of team spirit, inclusion and equity, professionalism, and integrity.

Chief Master Sergeant Dipiazza entered the Air Force in 1984, during the Cold War and began his career as a telecommunications systems operator at Yokota AB Japan. In 1986 he was stationed at Barksdale AFB La where he served in support of DESERT SHIELD & DESERT STORM. In 1992 he separated the USAF and entered the Air Force Reserve at HQ USTRANSCOM, Scott AFB III. He was called to duty by USTRANSCOM to support Operations DESERT STORM, DESERT SORTIE, PROVIDE HOPE I & II, and RESTORE HOPE. He joined the Oklahoma Air National Guard in 1995. His 36 years of service consist of 33 years in Air Force Communications as well as private sector Network Management, 2 years as the Chief of Operations for Civil Engineers and 1 as the Support Group Superintendent. Serving with the 138FW Tulsa ANG, he has deployed to the Persian Gulf, Turkey, Qatar, Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operations: NORTHERN & SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, FREEDOM SENTINEL and INHERENT RESOLVE.

Prior to his current assignment, the Chief was assigned to the 138th Mission Support Group where he served as the Superintendent and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Group Commander.

EDUCATION
1987 Strategic Air Command NCO Preparatory Course, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
1990 Strategic Air Command NCO Leadership School, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
1993 Associates Degree in Management Information Systems, Community College of the Air Force
1994 AFRES NCO Development Course, Scott AFB, Illinois
1998 Air Force NCO Academy, by correspondence
2001 Air Force Senior NCO Academy, by correspondence
2010 Security+ Certification from CompTIA
2011 ANG Chief’s Executive Course, Andrews AFB, Maryland
2011 Cyber Operations X-Course Graduate
2015 Senior Enlisted Leader Joint PME
2018 Civil Engineer Superintendents Course, AFIT – Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
2019 NGB Military Cooperative Agreements and Fiscal Law course, Kentucky
ASSIGNMENTS
1. December 1984 – October 1986, Telecommunications Specialist, Yokota AB, Japan
2. October 1986 – November 1988, Base Communications Center Database Manager, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
9. February 2009 – October 2010, Chief of Plans & Resources Branch, Tulsa ANG, Oklahoma
13. October 2020 – Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa ANG, Oklahoma

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
Mentorship Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS
1988 SAC Professional Performer 48th Communications Group ORI
1990 NCIOC of the Program Controller shop earning the Air Force C4 Systems Center of the Year
1990 Honor Graduate, and Drill Competition Winner, NCO Leadership School
1994 Distinguished Graduate, AFRES NCO Development Course
2001 ACC Professional Performer 138th FW UCI
2004 ACC Professional Performer 138th FW ORI
2004 Senior NCO of the Year for the 138FW
2005 Senior NCO of the Year for the State of Oklahoma
2008 Hard Charger Award, 332nd EAW Balad AB Iraq

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS
Air Force Association
Noncommissioned Officers Association of America
National Guard Association of Oklahoma – Life member
Enlisted National Guard Association of the United States
4th Degree Knight of Columbus

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION
Senior Airmen June 8, 1987
Sergeant June 8, 1988
Staff Sergeant October 1, 1990
Technical Sergeant June 3, 1997
Master Sergeant June 29, 1999
Senior Master Sergeant February 1, 2008
Chief Master Sergeant October 1, 2010

(Current as of Oct 2020)