



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **COLONEL MARK W. ANDERSON**

Colonel Mark W. Anderson took command of the 188th Wing 13 April 2012. He served as the 188th Vice Commander from 7 May 2011 until 12 April 2012. Colonel Anderson now serves as both the Wing Commander and Air Commander for the nearly 1,000 members of the 188th WG, of which over 300 are full-time personnel. In this dual role as Wing Commander and Air Commander, Colonel Anderson oversees all of the 188th Wing's operations and support functions, as well as manages the full time force of federal technicians, Active Guard and Reserve members and state employees.

The 188th is currently in a mission conversion status. The 188th is converting from a fighter mission to remotely piloted aircraft (MQ-9 Reapers) and an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission sets, which includes the world's first space-focused targeting squadron. The 188th was ceremonially re-designated from a fighter wing to a wing June 7, 2014.



Colonel Anderson entered the Air Force as a graduate of Louisiana Tech University. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant from Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in October 1986. Colonel Anderson earned his wings at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas in November 1987. Upon completion of pilot training, he was assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina as a Forward Air Controller. At Shaw he flew the OT-37 and OV-10.

In 1991 he was assigned to Luke Air Force Base, Arizona for F-16C training. His first operational F-16 assignment was Misawa Air Base Japan as a member of the 14th Fighter Squadron. In August 1995 Colonel Anderson was re-assigned to the 27th Fighter Wing, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico as a member of the F-16 conversion team. After Cannon, Colonel Anderson served one-year tours at Abu Suwayr Air Base Egypt and Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. His active duty positions included Flight Commander, Wing Chief of Training, Assistant Director of Operations, and Director of Operations. His active duty rated positions include Functional Check Pilot, Mission Commander, and Instructor Pilot.

Upon separation from the U.S. Air Force in 2000, Colonel Anderson joined the Arkansas Air National Guard's 184th Fighter Squadron, Fort Smith, Arkansas. At Fort Smith he has flown the F-16 and the A-10 and has served as an Instructor Pilot, Standardization and Evaluation Pilot, Wing Weapons Officer, 184th Director of Operations, 184th Squadron Commander, Wing Chief of Safety, and Vice Wing Commander. His additional duties have included Wing Conversion Project Officer, Unit Compliance Inspection Project Officer, and Operational Readiness Inspection Project Officer. A command pilot, Colonel Anderson has more than 4,000 hours military flight time in the T-37, T-38, OV-10, F-16 and A-10. Colonel Anderson is also commercial pilot on a military leave of absence from American Airlines.

## **EDUCATION**

1984 Bachelor of Science in professional aviation, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston Louisiana  
1986 Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas  
1994 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)  
1997 Masters of Science management, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama  
2001 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)  
2005 Air War College (correspondence)

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 1986 - October 1986, officer candidate, officer training school, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. November 1986 - May 1987, student pilot, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. June 1987 - June 1991, OT-37/OV-10 instructor pilot, Shaw, AFB, South Carolina
4. July 1991 - October 1992, F-16C pilot training/mission capable pilot, Luke AFB, Arizona
5. November 1992 - March 1995, F-16C pilot, Misawa AB, Japan
6. April 1995 - July 1998, F-16C instructor pilot, Cannon, AFB, New Mexico
7. August 1998 - August 1999, F-16C instructor pilot, Abu Suwayr, AB, Egypt
8. September 1999 - September 2000, F-16C instructor pilot, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
9. November 2000 - Present, F-16A/C and A-10A/C examiner pilot, Arkansas Air National Guard, Fort Smith, Arkansas

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight hours: More than 4,000  
Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, OV-10, F-16A/C, A-10A/C

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Oct 24, 1986  
First Lieutenant Oct 24, 1988  
Captain Oct 24, 1990  
Major July 1, 1998  
Lieutenant Colonel Oct 6, 2002

Colonel March 22, 2011

(Current as of 8 September 2014)