



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL PAUL T. FITZGERALD

Col. Paul T. Fitzgerald is the Commander of the 142d Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard, Portland, Oregon. He leads over 1,000 personnel in the execution of the F-15 Eagle Aerospace Control Alert mission defending the Pacific Northwest, worldwide deployments supporting national objectives, and domestic operations activities as directed by the Governor.

Colonel Fitzgerald was commissioned in May of 1990 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Upon completion as the distinguished graduate of Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1991 from Reese Air Force Base, Texas, he was assigned as a Civil Engineer at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Upon return to flying duties in 1994, he was the distinguished graduate from Fighter Lead in Training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He then completed initial F-15 training in 1995 as a distinguished graduate from Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. His first operational F-15 tour was at Kadena Air Base, Japan where he served for two years. In 1997 he was assigned to the 94th Fighter Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia where he served as a Flight Commander, Mission Commander, and a Functional Check Pilot.



Colonel Fitzgerald separated from active duty in January of 2000 and joined the Oregon Air National Guard where he has served as an F-15 Instructor Pilot, Maintenance Squadron Commander, State Director of Operations (Air), 142d Mission Support Group Commander and 142d Vice Wing Commander. In 2009, Colonel Fitzgerald was selected for the Air National Guard Internship Program where he served as a member of the Plans and Programs Directorate at the National Guard Bureau. He was responsible for the programmatic actions affecting all Air National Guard Air Superiority program elements affecting over 4,500 Air National Guard personnel. He managed the integration and execution of over \$2.8B in programmed funding into the Department of Defense Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution system across the Future Years Defense Program. Colonel Fitzgerald is a command pilot with over 2,600 flight hours in F-15 A-D fighter aircraft. He is a member of the National Guard Association of the United States and the Allied Pilots Association of American Airlines. Prior to his current position, the Colonel was the Vice Wing Commander, 142d Fighter Wing, Oregon ANG, Portland, Oregon.

EDUCATION

1990 - Bachelor of Science Degree, General Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1996 - Squadron Officers School in-residence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2004 - Air Command and Staff College distance learning program, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2007 - Air War College distance learning program, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 - Masters of Science Degree, Management and Organizational Leadership, Warner Pacific College, Portland, Ore.

2011 - Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1990 - September 1991, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 64th Flying Training Wing, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. August 1991 - October 1993, Engineering Officer, 56th Civil Engineering Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
3. February 1994 - April 1994, student, Lead-in Fighter Training, 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas
4. June 1994 - March 1995, student, F-15 Training, 2nd Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
5. March 1995 - June 1997, F-15 Flight Lead, Squadron Scheduler, and Wing Electronic Combat Pilot, 44th Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan

6. May 1997 - Jan 2000, F-15 Flight Lead and Mission Commander, Functional Check Flight Pilot, Supervisor of Flying, and Flight Commander, 94th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
7. February 2000 - September 2005, Instructor Pilot, Flight Lead, Mission Commander, Supervisor of Flying, and Chief of Scheduling, 123d Fighter Squadron, Oregon ANG, Portland, Ore.
8. September 2005 – April 2007, Chief of Wing Safety, 142d Fighter Wing, Oregon ANG, Portland, Ore.
9. April 2007 – August 2009, Commander, 142d Maintenance Squadron, Oregon ANG, Portland, Ore.
10. August 2009 – August 2010, F-15 and F-22 Program Element Monitor, National Guard Bureau, Crystal City, Va.
11. August 2010 – March 2011, Air Operations Directorate (A3), Oregon Joint Forces Headquarters, Salem, Ore.
12. March 2011 – October 2011, Commander, 142d Maintenance Squadron, Oregon ANG, Portland, Ore.
13. October 2011 to June 2014, Commander, 142d Mission Support Group, Oregon ANG, Portland, Ore.
14. June 2014 to February 2015, Vice Wing Commander, 142d Fighter Wing, Oregon ANG, Portland, Ore.
15. February 2015 to present, Wing Commander, 142d Fighter Wing, Oregon ANG, Portland, Ore.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: Over 2600

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-15 A/B/C/D

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with one device

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three devices

Air Force Achievement Medal with one device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant: May 30, 1990

First Lieutenant: May 30, 1992

Captain: May 30, 1994

Major: January 5, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel: September 10, 2006

Colonel: July 9, 2012

(Current as of July 2015)