



BIOGRAPHY



AIR NATIONAL GUARD

COLONEL DAVID N. UNRUH

Colonel David N. (Neal) Unruh is the Commander of the 142nd Wing, Portland Air National Guard Base, Portland, Oregon. He leads over 1,400 personnel with the execution, support, and maintenance of the F-15C Eagle Air Superiority Mission, Special Tactics Operations, Aerospace Control, and Expeditionary Weather for worldwide deployments in support of national objectives and domestic operations activities as directed by the Governor. Colonel Unruh maintains currency as an F-15C Instructor Pilot and Flight Evaluator.

Colonel Unruh spent 11 years in the Regular Air Force, 7 years in the Oregon Air National Guard, and 5 years in the Statutory Tour Program before joining the 142d Fighter Wing. His other assignments include Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, Kingsley Field, Oregon, and Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. He has been deployed in support of contingency operations throughout the world including, most recently, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas in 1995.



Prior to serving as the Wing Commander, Col. Unruh was the Commander of the 142d Operations Group and the Deployed Commander of the 466th Air Expeditionary Group. Previously, he served as the Director of Air National Guard Forces (CG), Headquarters Air Combat Command leading a staff of ANG personnel embedded in the Intelligence (A2); Operations (A3); Maintenance (A4); Plans, Programs, and Requirements (A5/8/9); and Inspector General (IG) directorates; the Chief, ANG Special Access Programs Management Office (SAPMO) for all special access programs in ANG Combat Air Force (CAF), Mobility Air Force (MAF), Cyber, and Space units. Additionally, he served as the ANG Advisor to ACC Director of Operations (ACC/A3G); the Chief of the ANG 5th Generation Fighter Branch, in ACC/A589 working in the F-35 System Management Office (F-35 SMO) which is the process owner of F-35A requirements for the USAF.

EDUCATION:

- 1995 Bachelor of Science (BS), Aviation Science. Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, In Residence.
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence.
- 2011 Master of Arts (MA), Church History. Newburgh Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana.
- 2012 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Apologetics. Newburgh Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana.
- 2013 Doctor of Theology (ThD). Newburgh Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana.
- 2015 Air War College, by correspondence.
- 2018 Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD). Regent University School of Law, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. March 1997 – May 1997, student, Enhanced Flight Screening Program, Hondo, Texas.
2. June 1997- September 1997, student, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

ASSIGNMENTS CONTINUED:

3. October 1997 - October 1998, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Oklahoma.
4. November 1998 - February 1999, student, T-38 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Texas.
5. April 1999 – April 2002, T-38 Instructor Pilot, Vance AFB, Okla.
6. May 2002 – July 2002, student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Sheppard AFB, Texas.
7. August 2002 – February 2003, student, F-15C Formal Training Unit, Tyndall AFB, Florida.
8. March 2003 -- June 2006, F-15C Flight Commander, 12th Fighter Squadron, 3d Fighter Wing, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.
9. July 2006 – May 2008, F-15C Instructor Pilot, 2d Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
10. June 2008 – January 2011, F-15C Instructor Pilot, 114th Fighter Squadron, Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, Klamath Falls, Ore.
11. February 2011 – October 2013, Chief of Training, 173d Operations Support Flight, Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, Klamath Falls, Ore.
12. November 2013 – November 2014, Chief of Advanced Programs, 173d Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, Klamath Falls, Ore.
13. November 2014 – July 2016, Chief, Air National Guard Fifth Gen Fighter Branch – F-35 Systems Management Office (F-35 SMO), ACC/A5F, Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va.
14. August 2016 – March 2017, Air National Guard Advisor to the Director of Air and Space Operations, ACC/A3G, Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va.
15. October 2017 – March 2018, Chief, ANG Special Access Programs Management Office (SAPMO), Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va.
16. April 2017 – July 2019, Director of Air National Guard Forces, Headquarters Air Combat Command, ACC/CG, Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va.
17. August 2019 -- Present, Commander, 142d Operations Group, Portland Air National Guard Base, Portland, Ore.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot Flight

hours: 3400 hours

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

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal (1 device)

AF Outstanding Unit Award (7 devices)

Combat Readiness Medal

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Long

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border AF Longevity Service (3 devices)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 'M' Device Small Arms Expert

Marksmanship Ribbon (1 device) AF Training Ribbon

Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation

Oregon Faithful Service Medal with 'M' Device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant September 30, 1997

First Lieutenant September 30, 1999

Captain September 30, 2001

Major June 01, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel December 05, 2011

Colonel September 15, 2016

(Current as of June 2020)