



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RONALD E. PAUL

Colonel Ronald E. Paul is Commander, 183rd Fighter Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, Springfield, IL. The wing provides support to the Air Force and Air National Guard with an Air Operations Group, Centralized Engine Repair Facility, Medical Group, Mission Support Group, and an Engineering and Installation Squadron. The wing's unique missions support wartime contingencies for 12th Air Force, USAF, and the ANG. Additionally, the wing supports state and civilian authorities during times of crisis, natural, and man-made disasters.

Colonel Paul was born in Cudahy, Wisconsin. He entered active duty after graduation from the United States Air Force Academy in 1988. He has served in a variety of positions including Director of Logistics at First Air Force, Tyndall AFB FL, Squadron Maintenance Officer in the 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK; USAF Logistics Career Broadening Officer at Ogden Air Logistics Center; Deputy Chief, Technical Repair Division at Ogden Air Logistics Center; Commander of the 183rd Maintenance Squadron, 183rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and 183rd Mission Support Group at Springfield, IL. Col Paul has deployed in support of contingency operations to Europe and Southwest Asia multiple times. He also served as the senior USAF military officer for the initial F-16 Aircraft Maintenance Training Team in Poland.



Col Paul has been a maintainer on F-111A, EF-111A, F-15C/D, and F-16C/D aircraft.

EDUCATION:

1988 Bachelor of Science, International Affairs, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
1989 Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Chanute AFB, IL
1991 Master of Business Administration (MBA), Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA
1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
1997 Acquisition Logistics Certification, Level 1, Ogden Air Logistics Center, UT
1998 Acquisition Logistics Certification, Level 2, Ogden Air Logistics Center, UT
2000 Advanced Logistics Officer Course, Lackland AFB, TX
2000 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
2006 Air War College, Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1988-February 1989, Student, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Chanute AFB, IL
2. February 1989-December 1992, Officer in Charge, Munitions Branch, later, Maintenance Officer, 390th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Mountain Home AFB, ID
3. December 1992-February 1994, Officer in Charge, Fabrication Branch, later, Assistant Squadron Maintenance Officer, 36th Maintenance Squadron, Bitburg AB, Germany
4. February 1994-June 1996, Sortie Support Flight Commander, later, Sortie Generation Flight Commander, 493rd Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. June 1996-June 1998, USAF Logistics Career Broadening Officer, Ogden Air Logistics Center, UT
6. June 1998-June 1999, Deputy Chief, Technical Repair Division, Ogden Air Logistics Center, UT
7. June 1999-June 2001, Squadron Maintenance Officer, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK

8. June 2001-October 2002, Chief of Supply, 183rd Logistics Squadron, Springfield, IL
9. October 2002-August 2004, Commander, 183rd Maintenance Squadron, Springfield, IL
10. August 2004-September 2007, Commander, 183rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Springfield, IL
11. October 2007-October 2009, Commander, 183rd Mission Support Group, Springfield, IL
12. October 2009-November 2012, Director of Logistics, First Air Force, Tyndall AFB, FL
13. November 2012-Present, Commander 183rd Fighter Wing, Springfield, IL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (3 Devices)
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award (3 Devices)
National Defense Service Medal (1 Device)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 Devices)
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
AF Longevity Service Medal (5 Devices)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2 Devices)
NATO Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	1 June 1988
First Lieutenant	1 June 1990
Captain	1 June 1992
Major	1 October 1999
Lieutenant Colonel	4 October 2003
Colonel	30 October 2009

(Current as of November 2012)