



**NATO School  
Biography**



**COLONEL WILLIAM A. WOODCOCK**  
**United States Air Force**  
**Dean of Academics**

Colonel William A. Woodcock is the Dean of Academics, NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany. As the Dean he oversees an Academic department of 75+ personnel responsible for 94 NATO courses and the education and development of more than 11,000 students per year.

Prior to assuming his duties as the Dean, Colonel Woodcock was student at the French Defense College (Collège Interarmées de Défense), Paris France. He began his career as a 1987 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin AFB, Texas in 1988. He attended F-111 training at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. Following his tour in the F-111 at RAF Upper Heyford, UK, that included Operation Desert Storm, he transitioned to the F-16. He attended F-16 training at Luke AFB, AZ. Following this he served in various assignments and locations including Homestead AFB, Moody AFB, Cannon AFB, Osan AB, RoK, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport RI, and Aviano AB, IT. In 2007 he was selected as the Commander of the 23d Fighter Squadron, the Fightin' Hawks, Spangdahlem AB, GE, a position he held until leaving for the French Defense College. He is combat veteran of Operations PROVEN FORCE, DESERT STORM, SOUTHERN WATCH, JOINT GUARDIAN IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM. He is married to the former Lenora Ann Mullich of Lancaster California. Mrs. Woodcock is a Graduate of Valdosta State University, GA. They are the proud parents of two children: son Jacob, 13 and daughter Rylee, 11.

**EDUCATION:**

- 2009 - Mastère (2), Religion, Culture et Politiques Recherche, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris, France
- 2009 - Graduate, 16<sup>eme</sup> Promotion, Collège Interarmées de Défense, Paris, France
- 2007 - Distinguished Graduate, Defense Language Institute (French), Presidio of Monterey, CA
- 2007 - Associate of Arts Degree, French Language
- 2007 - Graduate, Air War College (correspondence) Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2001 - Master of International Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport RI
- 2000 - Graduate, Air Command and Staff College (seminar), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1997 - Master of Public Administration, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA
- 1995 - Graduate, Marine Warfighting Skill Course (correspondence), The Marine Corps Institute, Quantico, VA
- 1993 - Graduate, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1987 - Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, CO

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Aug 87 - Aug 88: Student, UPT 54 FTW, Laughlin AFB, TX
- Dec 88 - May 89: Student, F-111 RTU 391<sup>st</sup> FS, Mountain Home AFB, ID, Top Gun
- May 89 - May 91: F-111E Flight Lead, Standardization / Evaluation Liaison Officer, Plans Officer Instrument Refresher Course Instructor, 79<sup>th</sup> TFS, RAF Upper Heyford, UK
- May 91 - Aug 91: Student, F-16 C/D 311 Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
- Aug 91 - Sep 92: F-16 Flight Lead, Assistant Chief Squadron Programming 308<sup>th</sup> TFS, Homestead AFB, FL
- Sep 92 - Mar 96: Flight Commander (Flt CC), Chief of Squadron Programming, Chief Squadron Plans, F-16C (Blk 40) Instructor Pilot (IP), 68<sup>th</sup> FS Moody AFB, GA
- Mar 96 - May 97: Flight Commander, F-16C (Blk 30) IP, F-16 Initial Cadre, Cannon AFB, NM.
- May 97 - Jul 98: Operations Group Commander's Executive Officer, F-16C IP, Cannon AFB, NM
- Jul 98 - Jul 00: Chief, Air Interdiction, Chief, Theater Missile Defense, 7th Air Force Weapons and Tactics, F-16C (Blk 30/40) IP, Osan AB, ROK.
- Jul 00 - Sep 01: Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport RI,
- Sep 01 - Jan 03: Assistant Director of Operations (ADO), 555<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, F-16C (Blk 40) Flight Examiner (FE), IP, Forward Air Control – Airborne (FAC-A), Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR), Aviano AB, IT.

Jan 03 - Apr 03: Deputy Operations Group Commander, 31<sup>st</sup> Operations Group, F-16C FE IP, FAC-A, CSAR, Aviano AB, IT  
Apr 03 - Jun 03: Assistant Director of Operations, 510<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, F-16C FE, IP, FAC-A, CSAR, Aviano AB, IT  
Jun 03 - Jun 04: Director of Operations, 510<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, IP, FAC-A, CSAR, Aviano AB, IT  
Jun 04 - Aug 05: Chief of Safety, F-16C (Blk 50) IP, Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) Spangdahlem AB, Germany  
Aug 05 - Apr 07: Commander, 23rd Fighter Squadron, IP, FE, SEAD, Spangdahlem AB, Germany  
Apr 07 - Dec 07: Student, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, CA  
Dec 07 - Jun 09: Student, Collège Interarmées de Défense, Paris, FR  
Jun 09 - Present: Dean of Academics, NATO School, Oberammergau, GE

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight Time: 3,400+ hours  
Combat Time: 626 hours  
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, F-111-A,E,F, F-16C – Block 30, 32, 40, 42, 50, Mig-21, SU-29, Mirage 2000D

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Distinguished Graduate, Defense Language Institute, French  
USAFE Aviator of the Year – 2002  
Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association Outstanding Strategy Essay Award – 2001  
Constant Carrot Award -1989  
Distinguished Flying Cross with V device  
Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant – 1987  
First Lieutenant – 1989  
Captain – 1991  
Major – 1998  
Lieutenant Colonel - 2003  
Colonel - 2009

(Current as of 28 Aug 09)