



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**  
**Michigan Air National Guard, 110<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing**  
**3545 Mustang Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49037-5567**

## COLONEL BILLIE JEAN FAUST

Colonel Faust serves the Michigan Air National Guard as the 110<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing's Mission Support Group Commander located at the W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Colonel Faust graduated from Lead Hill High School, Lead Hill, Arkansas in May 1970. She entered active duty in September 1970, and after basic training and technical school, completed her initial enlistment at Travis Air Force Base, CA. Colonel Faust spent five years in the Air Force Reserve at Travis Air Force Base, CA before transferring to the Michigan Air National Guard in 1981. Since coming to the Air National Guard, she has held the Bio-Environmental Engineering position as a Master Sergeant and was commissioned in 1985 as the Executive



Support Officer for the 110<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Squadron. Since being commissioned, Colonel Faust has held positions as the Executive Support Officer in Maintenance Group, the Wing Social Actions Officer, Services Flight Commander, Mission Support Flight Commander and Director of Personnel, Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander, Deputy Mission Support Group Commander before becoming the Mission Support Group Commander in 2007.

Since 1998, Colonel Faust has been an integral part of every major inspection, audit, deployment, mobilization, and manpower challenge. All these experiences led Colonel Faust to a highly successful deployment to Baghdad, Iraq in 2009 as the 447<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Group Deputy Commander. In this capacity, she oversaw the completion of a new military runway at Baghdad International Airport, established the new location of a U.S. Army Level III Combat Support Hospital, defined working relationships with United Nations representatives and Iraqi Air Force officers, State Department Officers and Department of Defense Contractors and made protocol arrangements for more than 600 distinguished visitors as they transited the area. These distinguished visitors included the Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the U. S. Ambassador to Iraq, ambassadors from other countries as well as foreign military service officers and numerous general officers.

## **EDUCATION**

1986 Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Hygiene & Safety, Oakland University, Rochester, MI  
1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL  
1996 Master's Degree in Public Administration, Oakland University, Rochester, MI  
1998 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL  
2001 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL  
2007 Certified as Senior Professional Human Resource Manager by Human Resource Certification Institute/Society for Human Resource Management

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. March 1971 - October 1974, Preventative Medicine Technician, Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA
2. August 1976 - March 1981, Air Cargo Specialist, Bio-Environmental Engineer, Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA
3. March 1981 - June 1985, Bio-Environmental Engineer, 110<sup>th</sup> Tactical Clinic, W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, MI
4. June 1985 - July 1985, Academy of Military Science Cadet, McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, TN
5. July 1985 - Present, Combat Support Group Executive Support Officer, Services Flight Commander, Maintenance Group Executive Support Officer, Wing Social Actions Officer, Mission Support Flight Commander, Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander, Deputy Mission Support Group Commander, Mission Support Group Commander, W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, MI

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Devices  
Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 Devices  
Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 Device  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and 1 Device  
Meritorious Unit Award (United States Air Force Central Command)  
Air Force Good Conduct Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with 2 Devices  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Air Force Longevity Service with 6 Devices  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 Hour Glass Devices and 1 Meritorious Device  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)  
Air Force Training Ribbon with 1 Device  
Iraqi Campaign Medal  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with Gold Border  
Michigan Distinguished Service Medal with 1 Device  
Michigan Legion of Merit Medal with 2 Devices  
Michigan Broadsword Service Medal with 1 Device  
Michigan Global War on Terror Service Ribbon with Meritorious Device  
Louisiana Emergency Service Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant 18 July 1985  
First Lieutenant 7 August 1987  
Captain 3 October 1989  
Major 5 November 1994  
Lieutenant Colonel 5 November 1998  
Colonel 2 February 2010

(Current as of August 2011)