



BIOGRAPHY

INDIANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

COLONEL DONALD J. BONTE, JR.

Colonel Donald J. Bonte, Jr. is Commander of the Indiana Air National Guard's 181st Intelligence Wing, Terre Haute, Ind. Col Bonte took charge of the 181st Intelligence Wing on 6 August 2011, after serving as Vice Commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing.

Col Bonte began his military career in June 1982, enlisting in the Indiana Air National Guard as an Automatic Flight Controls Systems Specialist in the Avionics Flightline Element. In 1989 he earned his commission of Second Lieutenant from the Academy of Military Science. During his commissioned career he has served in a variety of leadership positions throughout the wing.

Since becoming a full time technician in 1984, Col Bonte has been the Chief of Supply on two different tours, Chief of Military Personnel, and Officer-in-Charge of Management and Systems Branch. Prior to commanding the Mission Support Group, Col Bonte was the Maintenance Squadron Commander.



EDUCATION

- 1979 Bachelor of Science in Construction Technology; Associate in Architectural Drafting, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School by correspondence
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence
- 2004 Air War College by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1982 –September 1989, automatic flightline control systems specialist, 181st Tactical Fighter Group, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.
2. September 1989 –December 1994, Officer-in-Charge Management and Systems Branch, 181st Fighter Group, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.
3. December 1994 - July 1996, Chief of Supply, 181st Fighter Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.
4. July 1996 - August 1998, Chief of Military Personnel, 181st Fighter Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.
5. August 1998 – August 2000, Chief of Supply, 181st Fighter Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.
6. August 2000 – June 2005, Maintenance Squadron Commander, 181st Fighter Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.

7. June 2005 – February 2010, Mission Support Group Commander, 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.
8. February 2010 – August 2011, Wing Vice Commander, 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.
9. August 2011 – Present, 181st Intelligence Wing Commander, Hulman Field Air National Guard Base, Ind.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one device

Air Force Expeditionary Service ribbon

Indiana National Guard Commendation Medal

Indiana Outside Continental United States Ribbon with three devices

Indiana Emergency Service Ribbon

Indiana Overseas Service Ribbon

Indiana Homeland Defense Service Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant September, 1989

First Lieutenant November, 1991

Captain January, 1994

Major July, 1998

Lieutenant Colonel August, 2002

Colonel August, 2006

(Current as of August 2011)