



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## COLONEL DOUGLAS S. CHAMPAGNE

Colonel Douglas S. Champagne is commander of the 127th Operations Group, 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan. Comprised of the 107th Fighter Squadron and the 127th Operations Support Flight, the 127th Operations Group supports its primary missions of close air support, combat search and rescue and precision attack in the A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft. The 127th Operations Group provides support to the 127th Wing and the Joint Selfridge Community through trained personnel in the functional areas of airfield management, air traffic control, intelligence, and weather.

Col. Champagne is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a B.S. in Engineering and Applied Science, Aviation. He began his Air Force career in September 1987 receiving his commission from Officer Training School. Champagne earned his wings through Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) at Sheppard AFB, TX, in January 1989.



Following initial pilot training, Col. Champagne served on active duty through June of 1996. Col. Champagne separated from active duty in June 1996 at which time he transitioned from being attached to the 107<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron through the Total Force Project to being a full-time member of the Michigan Air National Guard.

Col. Champagne is a command pilot with over 3,900 flying hours, 3000+ in the F-16, 500+ in the A-10C and over 500 hours of combat time. In 1991, Champagne served in Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Desert Calm where he flew 37 combat missions. On September 11, 2001, Col. Champagne flew in the first fully armed combat air patrol over Detroit. Col. Champagne is a combat experienced fighter pilot and recently served as the 107<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Commander at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan as part of the 451<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Operations Group.

### EDUCATION

- 1987 Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and Applied Science Aviation, Western Michigan University
- 1987 Officer Training School,
- 1996 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
- 2007 Air War College, Correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1987, Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, TX
2. 1989, Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, TX
3. 1989, Initial Fighter Fundamentals, Holloman AFB, NM
4. 1989, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, MacDill AFB, FL
5. 1990–1992, F-16 Pilot, Moody AFB, GA
6. 1992–1998, 107th FS Chief of Weapons & Tactics, Scheduling & Training, Selfridge ANGB, MI
7. 1998–2003, 127th Wing Chief of Safety, Selfridge ANGB, MI
8. 2003–2007, 107th Fighter Squadron Director of Operations, Selfridge ANGB, MI
9. 2007– March 2012, 107th Fighter Squadron Commander, Selfridge ANGB, MI
10. March 2012–present 127th Operations Group Commander, Selfridge ANGB, MI

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Combat Hours: 500.1

Flight Hours: 3900+

Aircraft Flown: F-16A/C, A-10A/C

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal, 1 device

Air Medal, 6 devices

Air Force Commendation Medal, 1 device

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award, 1 device

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Combat Readiness Medal, 4 devices

National Defense Service Medal, 1 device

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, 1 device

Iraq Campaign Medal, 1 device

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Air Force Longevity Service, 4 devices

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 —M

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, 1 device

AF Training Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), 1 device

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

Michigan Broadsword Service, 3 devices

Michigan OCONUS Ribbon, 3 devices

Michigan GWOT Ribbon

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

2nd Lt 15 Dec 1987

1st Lt 15 Dec 1989

Capt 15 Dec 1991

Maj 26 Jun 1998

Lt Col 26 Jun 2002

Colonel 28 Mar 2012

(Current as of May 2012)