



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL PATRICK L. VOLK

Col. Patrick L. Volk is the Vice Wing Commander of the 115th Fighter Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, located at Dane County Regional Airport-Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin. Colonel Volk supports the wing commander in ensuring the 115th Fighter Wing stands ready to meet each of its federal and state missions: to train and equip the nearly 1,200 active-guard and traditional forces serving both the governor of Wisconsin and President of the United States. The 115th Fighter Wing operates the F-16C+ "Fighting Falcon" as its primary combat weapon system, as well as, the RC-26B aircraft in the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) mission.

Colonel Volk received his commission in 1988 after graduating from the NROTC program at the University of Wisconsin. He joined the Wisconsin Air National Guard in 1997 and is a command pilot with over 300 carrier landings and 3,300 flying hours in three different fighter aircraft.



#### EDUCATION

- 1988 Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1990 US Navy Pilot Training
- 1992 Landing Signals Officer School
- 1992 Maintenance Division Officers School
- 1993 US Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN)
- 1996 Test Pilot Analysis School
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2005 Joint Reserve Officer Military Operations, (Residence) Naval War College
- 2006 National Security Decision Making Process, (Residence) Naval War College
- 2006 Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2006 Safety Investigation Board Presidents Course
- 2007 National Strategy and Policy, (Residence) Naval War College
- 2007 Contemporary Base Issues Course
- 2009 Fiscal Law Course
- 2010 Senior Leader Maintenance Course
- 2010 Commander Development Course

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 1988 – Mar 1989, Primary Flight Training, NAS Pensacola, FL
2. Apr 1989 – Jul 1990, Advanced Flight Training, NAS Chase Field, TX
3. Jul 1990 – May 1991, F-14 Pilot Training, NAS Oceana, VA
4. Jun 1991 – Apr 1994, F-14 Pilot/Instructor, Fighter Squadron-74, NAS Oceana, VA
5. Apr 1994 – Feb 1995, F-18 Pilot Training/Instructor, NAS Lemoore, CA

6. Feb 1995 – Oct 1997, Test Pilot, Naval Air Warfare Center, China Lake, CA
7. Oct 1997 – Mar 1998, F-16 Pilot Training, Luke AFB, AZ
8. Mar 1998 – Jan 2001, F-16 Pilot/Instructor, 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, WI
9. Jan 2001 – Jan 2004, Flight Commander, 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, WI
10. Oct 2002 – Sep 2004, Detachment 1 Operations Officer, Operation Noble Eagle, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, WI
11. Jan 2004 – Sep 2004, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, WI
12. Oct 2004 – Sep 2005, Detachment 1 Commander, Operation Noble Eagle, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, WI
13. Oct 2005 - Aug 2007, Air Sovereignty Alert Commander/Command Post Chief, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, WI
14. Jan 2007 – Dec 2008, Commander, 115th Operations Support Flight, Truax Field, WI
15. Dec 2008 – Feb 2009, Commander 115th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 115th Maintenance Group, Truax Field, WI
16. Feb 2009 – Sep 2010, Commander 115th Maintenance Group, Truax Field, WI
17. May 2010 – Jun 2010, Commander 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, WI
18. Sep 2010 – Present, Vice Commander, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, WI

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 3,300

Aircraft Flown: T34, T-2, TA-4, F-14, F/A-18, F-16, AH-1W

### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with one Oakleaf Cluster

Air Medal with one Oakleaf Cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Navy Commendation Medal

Navy Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with one Oakleaf Cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one Oakleaf Cluster

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation

Combat Readiness Medal with eight Oakleaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraq Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon

Sea Service Deployment Ribbon

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and one Oakleaf Cluster

Air Force Longevity Service with four Oakleaf Clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass device and Silver "M" device

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one Bronze Star

Navy Expert Pistol Medal

Navy Expert Rifle Medal

Air Force Training Ribbon

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Ensign 15 May 1988

Lieutenant Junior Grade 15 May 1990

Lieutenant 01 June 1992

Major 01 October 1999

Lieutenant Colonel 23 January 2004

Colonel 27 February 2009

(Current as of Jun 2012)