



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL Erik A. Peterson

Col. Erik A. Peterson 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 Peterson was commissioned in 1991 from the U.S. Air Force Academy. His past assignments include maintenance officer at Luke AFB and flying duties as a flight lead and instructor pilot in the 18th Fighter Squadron, Eielson AFB, AK and the 34th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, UT. He has served as a Flight Commander, 115th Fighter Wing Chief of Safety and Wing Weapons Officer, 176th Fighter Squadron Director of Operations and the 176th Fighter Squadron Commander. He also served as the Commander, 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Joint Base Balad, Iraq. Prior to assuming his current position, he was the 115th Fighter Wing Operations Group Commander.

Colonel Peterson is a command pilot with more than 2,300 flying hours in the F-16C/D, AT-38A, T-38A, and T-37B.



EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 2000 Master of Aeronautical Science degree, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL.
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2008 Air War College, Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1991 – September 1992, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, AZ.
2. September 1992 – January 1995, maintenance officer, armament flight commander, 57TH Logistics Group and assistant squadron maintenance officer for the 310TH Fighter Squadron Aircraft Maintenance Unit.
3. January 1995 – May 1996, student, requalification training, introduction to fighter fundamentals, and F-16 initial qualification training, Vance AFB, OK, Randolph AFB, TX, and Luke AFB, AZ.
4. May 1996 – July 1999, F-16 pilot, training officer, scheduling officer, and flight safety officer for the 18TH Fighter Squadron, Eielson AFB, AK.
5. July 1999 – March 2001, instructor pilot, evaluator pilot, standardization and evaluation officer, and flight commander for the 34TH Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, UT.
6. March 2001 – August 2005, instructor pilot, evaluator pilot, wing chief of safety, weapons officer, and assistant operations officer for the 176TH Fighter Squadron, Dane County Regional Airport-Truax Field, WI.

7. August 2005 – August 2008, operations officer, 176TH Fighter Squadron, Dane County Regional Airport-Truax Field, WI.
8. August 2008 – August 2010, Commander, 176TH Fighter Squadron, Dane County Regional Airport-Truax Field, WI.
9. September 2010 – present, Commander, 115TH Operations Group, Dane County Regional Airport-Truax Field, WI. Oct 2004 – Sep 2005, Detachment 1 Commander, Operation Noble Eagle, 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, WI

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 2,300

Aircraft Flown: F-16 C/D, AT-38A, T-38A, and T-37B

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal (with three gold oak leaf clusters)

Air Medal (with one gold oak leaf cluster)

Air Force Commendation Medal (with two gold oak leaf clusters)

Meritorious Unit Award (with one gold oak leaf cluster)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with one silver oak leaf cluster)

Combat Readiness Medal (with one silver oak leaf cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (with bronze star)

Iraq Campaign Medal (with bronze star)

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (with two gold oak leaf clusters)

Air Force Longevity Service (with two gold oak leaf clusters)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 1 'M' Device)

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)

Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	29 May 1991
First Lieutenant	29 May 1993
Captain	29 May 1995
Major	12 July 2001
Lieutenant Colonel	4 February 2007
Colonel	2 March 2011

(Current as of May 2013)