



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CHRISTOPHER J. ZUHLKE

Col Christopher J. Zuhlke is the Commander, USAFE-AFAFRICA Warfare Center, Einsiedlerhof Air Station, Germany. The WPC is the premier Joint & Coalition integrated, multi-domain warfighter training provider and policy maker for readiness in USAFE and AFAFRICA. Additionally, he oversees the USAFE-AFAFRICA Distributed Training Center, the 4th Combat Training Squadron, the Inter-European Air Forces Academy, the European Integrated Air and Missile Defense Center, the multinational Tactical Leadership Programme, the tri-national Polygone Electronic Warfare Range and the USAFE-AFAFRICA Directorate of Operations Warfare Division.

Colonel Zuhlke entered the Air Force in May 1995 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. His assignments include operational tours at RAF Lakenheath and Mountain Home AFB and instructional tours at the F-15E Formal Training Unit (FTU) at Seymour Johnson AFB and the 17th Weapons Squadron (F-15E) of the USAF Weapons School at Nellis AFB. He has served as an Exchange Officer with the Royal Australian Air Force, converting to the F/A-18 and instructing at the Australian F/A-18 FTU and Fighter Weapons School. He also served as the Deputy Chief, Airspace, Ranges, and Airfield Operations Division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Zuhlke was the Commander, 561st Joint Tactics Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. Colonel Zuhlke is a Command Pilot with over 3,000 flying hours, primarily in the F-15E Strike Eagle, and has participated in combat operations in Iraq, Serbia/Kosovo and Afghanistan.



EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science Degree in General Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, CO
- NATO Tactical Leadership Program, Florennes, Belgium
- F-15E Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, NV
- Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- Master of Aeronautical Science in Human Factors, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, FL
- Australian Command and Staff College, Canberra, Australia, with distinction
- Graduate Diploma in Defense Planning and Policy, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 95 – Mar 96, graduate assistant, Department of Civil Engineering, USAF Academy, CO.
2. Apr 96 – Jun 97, student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, OK.
3. Jul 97 – Apr 98, student, F-15E, 333rd Fighter Squadron (FS), Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.
4. May 98 – Apr 01, F-15E Instructor Pilot (IP), Mission Commander; Squadron Chief of Training; Assistant Chief of Weapons and Tactics; 492nd FS, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom.
5. May 01 – Dec 01, F-15E Formal Training Unit (FTU) IP, Squadron Programmer, 333rd FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.
6. Jan 01 – Jun 01, Student, F-15E Weapons Instructor Course (WIC), United States Air Force Weapons School (USAFWS), Nellis AFB, NV
7. Jul 02 – May 03, F-15E FTU IP and Flight Examiner (FE); Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 334th FS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.
8. Jun 03 – May 06, F-15E WIC IP and FE; Assistant Director of Operations; Assistant Chief Wing Standardization and Evaluation; Flight Commander, USAFWS, Nellis AFB, NV.
9. Jun 06 – Dec 08, USAF Exchange Officer, F/A-18 IP, RAAF Base Williamtown, Australia.
10. Jan 09 – Dec 09, student, Australian Command and Staff College, Canberra, Australia.
11. Mar 10 – Dec 10, Wing Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, 366th Operations Support Squadron (OSS), Mountain Home AFB, ID.
12. Dec 10 – Jul 11, Director of Operations, 455th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Bagram AB, Afghanistan.
13. Jul 2011 – Jun 2013, Director of Operations, 366th Operations Support Squadron; Fighter Wing Director of Staff, Mountain Home AFB, ID.
14. Jun 13 – Jun 14, Commander, 380th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, AFCENT
15. Aug 14 – Jun 16, Deputy Chief, Airspace, Ranges, & Airfield Operations Division, Headquarters, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA.
16. Jun 16 – Jul 17, Commander, 561st Joint Tactics Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV.
17. Aug 17 – Jun 20, Commander, Nevada Test and Training Range, Nellis AFB, NV
18. Jun 20 - Present, USAFE AFAFRICA Warfare Center, Einsiedlerhof Air Station (AS), Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,000

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-15E, F-15SG, F/A-18

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC)

Air Medal (5 OLC)

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal (2 OLC)

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant - May 31, 1995

First Lieutenant - May 31, 1997

Captain - May 31, 1999

Major - September 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel - July 1, 2010

Colonel - October 1, 2016