



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL STEPHEN H. BUNTING

Colonel Stephen Bunting was born on 26 February, 1971 in Tarboro, North Carolina. He graduated from Tarboro High School in 1989. His first military endeavor was later that summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky as an Army basic camp R.O.T.C. cadet. He attended Marion Military Institute in Marion Alabama on a Bruce K Holloway Falcon Foundation scholarship and subsequently entered the United States Air Force Academy. He graduated from the Academy in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Mechanics and a commission in the United States Air Force. Following graduation, Col Bunting attended Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, MS. Upon completion of F-16C replacement and the Medium Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night (MANTIRN) course at Luke AFB, AZ, Col Bunting was assigned to the 68<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, GA. In less than two years, Col Bunting was upgraded to Forward Air Controller – Airborne (FAC-A). While in the 68<sup>th</sup> he participated in numerous deployments to include Operation Southern Watch, flying missions out of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain. In 1999, he was reassigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, R.O.K. where he received his Mission Commander upgrade within the year and was awarded Flight Lead of the year honors. In 2000, Col Bunting was reassigned to the 310th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ as an F-16C FAC-A, MANTIRN, and Air Force Research Laboratory Night Vision Goggle Platform Instructor. In December of 2001 Col Bunting earned his Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from the University of Alabama. While at Luke, Col Bunting was the recipient of the F-16C Instructor Pilot of the Year award for 2002. In addition to his instructor duties he served as flight commander and chief of safety.



Col Bunting left active duty in 2003 and joined the Virginia Air National Guard's 149th Fighter Squadron as a Drill Status Guardsman (DSG). He also transitioned to DoD civilian life as the Command Control Communications and Intelligence Program Manager for the Counter-Narcotics Technology Program Office at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division. Through 2006, he continued serving as a DSG F-16C instructor and Joint Warfare Analysis Center Research Engineer. In late 2006 Col Bunting was selected to a fulltime position with the Virginia Air National Guard and for transition to the F-22 Raptor. In 2007, Col Bunting relocated to York County Virginia where he began his F-22 instructor duties in the 149th Fighter Squadron at Langley AFB, Virginia. In December of 2012 Col Bunting was selected as the 149th Fighter Squadron Commander. He successfully led the 149th through numerous training and real world deployments, as well as, prompted continued evolution of the Langley total force integration. In July 2014 Col Bunting was named 192d Maintenance Group Commander where he proudly commands 410 of the finest maintainers in the CAF.

Col Bunting has accumulated over 2300 hours in fighter aircraft. He is a graduate of Air War College. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

#### EDUCATION:

1994 Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Mechanics, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado  
2000 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
2002 Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management, University of Alabama  
2006 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence  
2013 Air War College, by correspondence

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1989 - July 1990, student, Service Academy Prep, Marion Military Institute, AL
2. July 1990 - June 1994, student, Undergraduate study, United States Air Force Academy, CO
3. June 1994 - July 1995, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS
4. Nov 1995 - Jan 1996, student, F-16 B-course, 63<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
5. Sept 1996 - May 1999, F-16 Pilot, Flight Lead, FAC-A, 68<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, GA
6. May 1999 - May 2000, F-16 Pilot, Mission Commander, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, ROK
7. June 2000 - Sept 2003, F-16 Instructor, Flight Commander, Chief of Safety, AFRL NVG platform Instructor, 310<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
8. Sept 2003 - July 2007, F-16 Instructor, 149<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Richmond IAP, VA
9. July 2007 - Dec 2012, F-22 Instructor, Evaluator, Director of Operations, 149<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, VA
10. Dec 2012 - July 2014, F-22 Instructor, Evaluator, Squadron Commander, 149<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, VA
11. July 2014 - Present, 192d Maintenance Group Commander, Langley AFB, VA

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster  
Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
National Defense Service Medal with two devices  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon – Short Tour with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon  
Air Force Longevity Service with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Training Ribbon

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant, 1 Jun 1994  
First Lieutenant, 1 Jun 1996  
Captain, 1 Jun 1998  
Major, 15 Dec 2003  
Lieutenant Colonel, 15 Mar 2009  
Colonel, 1 Oct 2015  
(Current as of 2 Apr 2015)