



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ZANE E. BROWN

Colonel Zane Brown is the A-3 / Director of Operations for the Ohio Air National Guard, located at Joint Force Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio. Additionally he serves as the Central-Great Lakes Regional Co-Chair on the National Airspace and Range Executive Council.

As the Director of Operations, he is responsible for directing and monitoring operations plans and programs throughout the Ohio ANG in support of both peacetime domestic and wartime requirements for over 5000 personnel located within four flying wings and eight support units state-wide. Additionally he integrates with the Ohio Army NG in support of emergency relief programs and Defense Support to Civil Authorities.



Colonel Brown began his military career by enlisting in the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio in 1983 where he served as an A-7D Fighter Pilot after graduating from USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1985. With the transition to the KC-135R in 1992, Colonel Brown served as an Aircraft Commander (among other additional duties) until 1997. Colonel Brown transferred to the 178th Fighter Wing in 1997 and became an Instructor Pilot in the F-16C and F-16MLU. He has extensive experience in both USAF and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) pilot training. He served in many roles at the 178th Fighter Wing culminating in his position as Operations Support Flight Commander. In 2009, Colonel Brown transferred to Joint Force Headquarters, Ohio and served as the Director of Operations for the Ohio Air National Guard. In 2010 he served as the interim Operations Group Commander, 121st Air Refueling Wing. Colonel Brown is a command pilot with over 3,400 military flying hours.

EDUCATION:

1981 Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Ohio State University
1996 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence
2003 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
2005 Air War College, Correspondence

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight hours: More than 3,400
Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, A-7D, KC-135R, F-16C, F-16MLU
Pilot wings from: Reese AFB, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1984 – September 1985, Undergraduate Pilot Training
2. September 1986 – September 1992, Fighter Pilot, 121st Tactical Fighter Wing
3. September 1992 – October 1997, Aircraft Commander, 121st Air Refueling Wing
4. October 1997 – May 2010, Instructor Pilot, 178th Fighter Wing
5. October 2008 – October 2009, Operations Support Flight Commander, 178th Fighter Wing
6. November 2010 – Present, A-3/Director of Operations, JFHQ, Ohio ANG
7. March 2010 – September 2010, Operations Group Commander, 121st Air Refueling Wing
8. September 2010 – Present, A-3/Director of Operations, JFHQ, Ohio ANG

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters
Combat Readiness Medal, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Award Ribbon, 5 Oak Leaf Clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal, with 2 M Device
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon
Ohio Award of Merit, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters
Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters
Ohio National Guard Basic Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	30 August, 1984
First Lieutenant	28 January, 1987
Captain	11 February, 1989
Major	1 October, 1997
Lieutenant Colonel	1 October, 2004
Colonel	10 June, 2011

(Current as of Feb 2012)