



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **LT COLONEL ROBERT M. PANIAN**

LtCol Robert M. Panian is currently the Squadron Commander and Detachment Commander of the 220<sup>th</sup> Engineering and Installation Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard, Zanesville Ohio.

LtCol Panian started his 34 year military career in 1977. He entered basic training in 1978 and returned to Rickenbacker as an E1 for on the job training as an A7-D weapons mechanic. He attended the NCO Academy in 1984 and enrolled at Franklin University where he completed BS degrees in both Business Management and Human Resources Management. At the rank of E6, he was selected and accepted a commission in the Ohio Air National Guard. He received his MBA from Touro University in 2002. He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College. LtCol Panian is also a graduate of the Advanced Communications Officer Training Course.



LtCol Panian was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in September of 1987, initially obtaining an Aircraft Maintenance Officer AFSC and served the 121<sup>st</sup> TFW as the Weapons Safety Officer for two years. In 1989, then 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Panian was selected as the full-time Wing Logistics Plans Officer responsible for all deployment actions for the entire Wing. Seeking a career broadening opportunity, Captain Panian was selected and became the 121<sup>st</sup> Communications Squadron Commander in 1995 where he served for almost 13 years until accepting Command of the 220<sup>th</sup> EIS in April 2008. He has served on numerous deployments including two rotations in support of “Deny Flight”, also known as Decisive Endeavor and Deliberate Guard, which was support of the “No Fly Zone” over Bosnia and several Operations. Other honors include: Commander of Communications Squadron of the Year, 2005, Distinguished NGAUS Mission Support Unit, 2005, Academic Achievement Award – Advanced Comm Officer Course, Professional Achievement Award – Logistics Plans Officer Course, Honor Graduate – Munitions Maintenance Officer Course, Distinguished Graduate – Academy of Military Science. He was selected as the Second Lieutenant of the State of Ohio in 1989, and is a member of the both the National and State, National Guard Associations, the State Enlisted Association, and the National/local Military Officers Association.

### **MILITARY EDUCATION**

1978 Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.  
1984 Non Commissioned Officer Academy, PMEC, McGhee Tyson Aprt, TN  
1986 Armament System Tech (Associate degree) Community College of the AF  
1987 Academy of Military Science, AMS, McGhee Tyson Aprt, TN  
1988 Maintenance/Munitions Officer School, Lowry AFB, CO.  
1989 Combat Logistics, Air University, WPAFB  
1990 Logistic Plans & Programs Officer School, Lowry AFB, CO.  
1995 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Correspondence  
1996 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Seminar, Columbus, OH.

**MILITARY EDUCATION, Cont.**

1996 AF On-Scene Commanders Course, Air University, Toledo Aprt, OH.  
1996 Commander Orientation Course, P MEC, McGhee Tyson Aprt, TN.  
1998 Advanced Communications Officer School, Keesler AFB, MS.  
2004 Air War College (Jump Start Program), Air University, Correspondence  
2009 AMC Anti-Terrorism Level II Course, Rickenbacker Aprt, OH.  
2010 USAF Cyber Operations (X-Course), Zanesville OH., CBT

**CIVILIAN EDUCATION**

1989 Bachelor of Science, Business Management, Franklin University, Columbus, OH.  
1989 Bachelor of Science, Human Resources Management, Franklin University, Columbus, OH.  
2002 Masters of Business Administration/Military Management, Touro University, Los Alamitos, CA.

**MAJOR AWARDS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War On Terrorism Service Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
Air Force Longevity Service  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal  
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon  
Small Arms Expert Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Training Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster  
Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon  
Ohio Special Service Ribbon  
Ohio Award of Merit with one oak leaf cluster  
Ohio NG Basic Military Training Ribbon

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. OCT 1977 - SEP 1987, Acft Maint /Armament Sys Spl, 121 Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, OH
2. SEP 1987 - JUN 1989, Wing Safety / Chief, Weapons Safety Program, 121 Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, OH
3. JUN 1989 - JUN 1995, Wing Staff / Chief, Wing Logistics Plans, 121 Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker, OH
4. JUN 1995 - APR 2008, Commander, 121<sup>st</sup> Communications Sq., 121 Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker, OH
5. APR 2008 – Current, Commander and DetCo, 220<sup>th</sup> Engineering & Installations Sq, Zanesville, OH

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	17 Sep 1987
First Lieutenant	21 Oct 1989
Captain	21 Oct 1991
Major	30 Nov 1995
Lieutenant Colonel	30 Nov 2002