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## **COLONEL CHARLES R. DAVIS**



Colonel Charles R. Davis is the Deputy Program Executive Officer for the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office in Arlington, Virginia.

Colonel Davis was commissioned in 1979 from the U. S. Air Force Academy as a distinguished graduate with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. During his career he accumulated extensive flight experience holding leadership positions in training and operational, test and evaluation organizations, including command of the F-117A Combined Test Force. He has accumulated 3,300 flying hours in F-15, F-16, F117, A-7 and T-38 aircraft. Additionally, the colonel has held a variety of acquisition positions including, chief, F-16 Combat Air Force Programs, F-16 System Program Office; director, Development and Acquisition, F-15 System Program Office; director, Flight Training System Program Office; Joint

Primary Aircraft System Program Director, director, F-15 System Program Office, and commander, 412th Test Wing.

## **EDUCATION:**

- 1979 - Bachelor of science in chemistry, United States Air Force Academy (distinguished graduate)
- 1983 - Squadron Officer School (distinguished graduate)
- 1984 - Marine Corps Command and Staff College
- 1986 - Air Command and Staff College
- 1988 - Experimental Test Pilot School (distinguished graduate)
- 1991 - Master of science in mechanical engineering, California State University, Fresno, Calif.
- 1995 - Master of science in national resource management, Industrial College of the Armed Forces (distinguished graduate)
- 1997 - Program Manager Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- 2004 - US-Russia Security Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. July 1979 – August 1980, student, United States Air Force Undergraduate Pilot training, 82nd Flying Training Wing, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. August 1980 – March 1983, T-37 instructor pilot; flight scheduler; squadron standardization and evaluation officer, 97th Flying Training Squadron, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
3. March 1983 – July 1984, assistant executive officer; inspector general, 82nd Flying Training Headquarters, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
4. July 1984 – June 1987, F-15 pilot squadron flight commander; chief, scheduling squadron weapons and tactics officer, 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
5. June 1987 – June 1988, student, U.S. Air Force Experimental Test Pilot Course, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
6. June 1988 – February 1989, A-7, T-38 experimental test pilot, 6512th Test Squadron, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
7. February 1989 – May 1991, assistant operations officer; training officer; deputy avionics branch chief, 6516th Test Squadron, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
8. May 1991 – May 1992, F-16 experimental test pilot and test systems safety officer, Air Force Flight Test Center, Safety Directorate, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
9. May 1992 – March 1994, chief, Tactical Air to Air Systems Policy & Programs Division, Air Force and Evaluation, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Test and Evaluation Directorate, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. March 1994 – August 1994, executive to the director, Air Force Test and Evaluation, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Test and Evaluation Directorate, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.  
August 1994 – June 1995, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. June 1995 – July 1997, commander, 410th Flight Test Squadron, F-117A Combined Test Force, Air Force Plant 42, Calif.
12. July 1997 – November 1998, chief, F-16 Combat Air Force Programs, F-16 System Program Office Aeronautical System Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
13. November 1998 – July 1999, director, Development and Acquisition, F-15 System Program Office Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
14. July 1999 – April 2001, director, Flight Training System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
15. May 2001 – April 2003, director, F-15 System Program Office, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
16. April 2003 – June 2004, commander, 412th Test Wing, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
17. June 2004 – present, deputy program executive officer, Joint Strike Fighter Program Office, Arlington, Va.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 3,300 hours

Aircraft flown: F-15, F-16, F-117A, A-7 and T-38

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

1980 Distinguished graduate, Undergraduate Pilot Training

1985 Top graduate and top academic student, F-15 Fighter Training Unit

1988 Distinguished graduate, U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant - 30 May 1979

First Lieutenant - 30 May 1981

Captain - 30 May 1983

Major - 1 June 1990

Lieutenant Colonel - 1 March 1994

Colonel - 1 September 1998

Nominated for Brigadier General - 17 Feb 2004

(Current as of June 2004)