



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL SHAWN E. HOLTZ

Col. Shawn E. Holtz is commander of the 110th Wing, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Mich. He is commander of approximately 1,000 personnel where his responsibilities include oversight of four groups and several tenant units. The groups include an Operations Group, Mission Support Group, Medical Group, and an Air Operations Group. The tenant units include the Defense Logistics Agency, STARBASE, AAFES, Michigan State Police, and the Merit Network. The 110th Wing has more than 320 full-time technicians and Active Guard Reservists; drill status manning is more than 940 personnel.

Colonel Holtz graduated with honors from Western Michigan University in 1991 and later received his commission in 1995 as a distinguished graduate of the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Knoxville, Tenn. He graduated from undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, in 1996, receiving the Top Flyer award. From 1996 to 2005, Colonel Holtz served as a Drill Status Guardsman at the 110th Fighter Wing, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich. and in 2005 transitioned to full-time service as an Active Guard and Reserve member.

In 2009 Colonel Holtz transferred to Selfridge ANG Base, Mich. to continue instructing in the A-10C Thunderbolt II. He has flown combat missions in operations Deliberate Guard, Allied Force, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. In 2015, Colonel Holtz served for six months as the 107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Commander leading more than 320 operations and maintenance members while deployed to Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait. As a command pilot, he has logged more than 4,200 flying hours including 840 combat flying hours, primarily in the A-10C. Colonel Holtz has served as group commander, fighter squadron commander, expeditionary fighter squadron commander, and flight commander. In December 2015, Col Holtz was assigned to the 127th Wing, Selfridge ANG Base as the Operations Group Commander. Prior to his current position, Colonel Holtz was the 127th Mission Support Group Commander, Selfridge ANG Base, Mich.



EDUCATION:

1991 Bachelor of Science, Aviation Science and Technology, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

1998 Aircrew Life Support Officer Course, Brooks AFB, Texas

2001 Flight Safety Officer Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2016 Senior Leader Mission Group Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2017 Air National Guard Commanders Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.

2018 Contemporary Base Issues Course, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.

2018 Emergency Operation Center Directors Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1995–May 1996, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
2. May 1996–June 1996, Fighter Lead-In, 14th Flying Training Wing, T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. June 1996–December 1996, Operational Training Course, A-10A, 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
4. December 1996–Jul 1998, Pilot, A-10A, 172nd Fighter Squadron, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich.
5. Jul 1998–Jan 2002, Squadron Safety Officer, 172nd Fighter Squadron, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich.
6. Jan 2002–August 2002, Life Support Officer, 172nd Fighter Squadron, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich.
7. August 2002–September 2003, Assistant Flight Commander, 172nd Fighter Squadron, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich.
8. September 2003–September 2005, Flight Commander, 172nd Fighter Squadron, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich.
9. September 2005–May 2008, Chief of Scheduling, 172nd Fighter Squadron, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich.
10. May 2008–Nov 2008, Chief of Standards and Evaluations, 110th Operations Group, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich.
11. November 2008–April 2009, Assistant Director of Operations, 172nd Fighter Squadron, Battle Creek ANG Base, Mich.
12. April 2009–August 2013, Chief of Standards and Evaluations, 127th Operations Group, Selfridge ANG Base, Mich.
13. August 2013–October 2013, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 127th Operations Support Squadron, Selfridge ANG Base, Mich.
14. October 2013–December 2015, Commander, 107th Fighter Squadron, Selfridge ANG Base, Mich.
15. December 2015–May 2018, Commander, 127th Operations Group Commander, Selfridge ANG Base, Mich.
16. May 2018–May 2019, Commander, 127th Mission support Group, Selfridge ANG Base, Mich.
17. May 2019–Present, Commander, 110th Wing, Battle Creek ANG **Base**, Mich.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,200 including more than 840 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, A-10A, A-10C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Flying Cross

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement medal with oak leaf cluster

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Michigan Legion of Merit Medal

Michigan State War on Terrorism with oak leaf cluster

Michigan Broadsword Service Medal with silver and oak leaf clusters

Michigan OCONUS Ribbon with silver and oak leaf clusters

Michigan State Partnership Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Major General John A. Johnston Award (2012 and 2015)

Aviation Well Done Award

Top Red Bull Award (Top T-38 pilot) – Undergraduate Pilot Training

Top Tiger Award (Top T-37 pilot) – Undergraduate Pilot Training

110th Operations Group Company Grade Officer of the Year

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of the United States

National Guard Association of Michigan

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 20, 1995

First Lieutenant April 20, 1997

Captain May 2, 1999

Major May 2, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel December 6, 2008

Colonel January 13, 2017

(Current as of June 2019)