



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL HUDSON

Col. Michael Hudson is commander of the 169th Fighter Wing, South Carolina Air National Guard, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Eastover, South Carolina. He is the senior officer responsible for organizing, training and equipping the largest operational F-16 wing in the Air National Guard. He is responsible for the care, morale and welfare of approximately 1,500 military and civilian personnel, including 1,300 Air National Guard and 150 Active Duty airmen assigned to the 169th FW in an “Active Associate” construct. As the Joint National Guard base commander, he hosts the largest Army National Guard flying operation in South Carolina. Previously, he served as vice commander of the 169th Fighter Wing, and commanded the 169th Operations Group and the 157th Fighter Squadron.



Colonel Hudson was born in Columbia, S.C. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of South Carolina.

He was commissioned through Officer Training School and graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese AFB, TX in 1984. He is a command pilot with more than 4500 hours logged in AETC, PACAF, ACC and the ANG. He has flown 97 combat sorties in Operations Desert Storm, Northern and Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In 2010 he served as deputy operations group commander at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

EDUCATION

1980 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
1984 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
1986 Masters of Science in Management, Houston Baptist University, Houston, TX
1999 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2002 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1983 - August 1987, Undergraduate pilot then T-38 Instructor Pilot, Reese AFB, TX
2. September 1987 – May 1988, Student, F-16 Flying Training Unit, MacDill AFB, Fla.
3. July 1988 – July 1989, Training Officer, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, ROK

4. July 1989 – February 1992, F-16C Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, 17th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC
5. June 1992 – April 2000, Instructor Pilot, Scheduler 157th Fighter Squadron, Wing Safety Officer, 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire JNGB, SC
6. April 2000 – April 2001, Commander, 169th Operations Support, McEntire JNGB, SC
7. April 2001 – December 2003, Director of Operations, 157th Fighter Squadron, McEntire JNGB, SC
8. December 2003 – March 2008, Commander, 157th Fighter Squadron, McEntire JNGB, SC
9. March 2008 – May 2011, Commander 169th Operations Group, McEntire JNGB, SC
10. May 2010 – August 2010, Deputy Commander, 332th Expeditionary Operations Group, Joint Base Balad, Iraq
11. May 2011 – January 2012, Vice Commander, 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire JNGB, SC
12. January 2012 – Present, Commander, 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire JNGB, SC

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: 4,500

Aircraft flown: T-38, F-16A/C/CJ

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Short with two devices

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kuwait

SC Meritorious Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant March 10, 1983

First Lieutenant March 10, 1985

Captain March 10, 1987

Major Jan. 8, 1997

Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 10, 2001

Colonel Aug. 28, 2008

(Current as of January 2012)