

COLONEL RICHARD D. HUNT

Colonel Richard D. Hunt is the Vice Commander of the 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard. The 175th Wing has over 1,400 personnel supporting an A-10 Group, a Cyber Operations Group and an Intelligence Squadron. In this role, he is responsible for the combat readiness of 21 A-10C aircraft, the associated aircrew and aircraft maintainers. Col Hunt oversees a budget in excess of \$46 million in addition to over \$37 million in base infrastructure and real property.

Col Hunt graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1997 and was commissioned in February 1999 at the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science. He earned his aeronautical rating at EURO- NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training in June 2000 and graduated from the Air Force Weapons School in 2005. He has commanded an A-10 Operations Group, A-10 Maintenance Group, and Operations Support Squadron. Col Hunt is an A-10 instructor with previous assignments as a Fighter Squadron, Group, and Wing Weapons Officer. He has served as the NGB/A8 Planning and Programming Cyber and Space Branch Chief at the Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md. In 2018 Col Hunt completed his Senior Developmental Education at the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA, earning a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. Prior to his current assignment Col Hunt was the Commander of both the 175th Maintenance Group and 175th Operations Group, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard.



In his civilian capacity, Col Hunt is a pilot with a major airline. He has more than 4,000 military flying hours, including over 1000 A-10 combat hours. He has served in 7 contingency deployments supporting Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2013 Intermediate Development Course (IDC), Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
2013 Fiscal Year Defense Plan (FYDP) Course, Headquarters Air Force, Arlington, Va.
2018 United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in-residence.
2019 Master of Science in Strategic Studies, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
2019 Commander Development Course, Air National Guard Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Md.
2019 Safety & Accident Investigation Board President Course, Air National Guard Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Md.
2019 Joint Air Component Commander Element Course, Air National Guard Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Md.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1999 – June 2000, Student, EURO-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. October 2000 – April 2001, Student, A-10/OA-10 Fighter Training Unit, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
3. April 2001 – December 2004, A-10/OA-10 Instructor Pilot, 104th Fighter Squadron, Warfield ANGB, Md.
4. January 2005 – June 2005, Student, Weapons Instructor Course 05AIV, 66th Weapons Squadron, Nellis

AFB, Nev.

5. June 2005 – January 2013, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Chief of Current Operations, Assistant Director of Operations, 175th Operations Support Squadron, Warfield ANGB, Md.
6. February 2013 – April 2014, Cyber and Space Branch Chief, NGB/A8, Air National Guard Readiness Center, JB Andrews, Md.
7. April 2014 – June 2014, 175th Wing Commander's Project Officer, Warfield ANGB, Md.
8. June 2014 – June 2017, Commander, 175th Operations Support Squadron, Warfield ANGB, Md.
9. June 2017 – June 2018, Student, United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pa., in-residence.
10. June 2018 – June 2019, Deputy Commander, 175th Operations Group, Warfield ANGB, Md.
11. June 2019 – September 2020, Commander, 175th Operations Group, Warfield ANGB, Md.
12. April 2020 – September 2020, Commander, Acting 175th Maintenance Group, Warfield ANGB, Md.
13. September 2020 – Present, Vice Commander, 175th Wing, Warfield ANGB, Md.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,000 including more than 1000 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-16D, OA-10A/C, and A-10A/C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with seventeen oak leaf clusters with "C" device

Air Force Commendation Medal with "C" device

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device

Combat Readiness Medal with six oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with four bronze stars

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Longevity Service with three oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 4 'M' devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Air Education Training Command Flying Excellence, Commander's Trophy, and Distinguished Graduate Awards

A-10 Top Gun and Distinguished Graduate Awards

USAF Weapons Instructor Course Top Graduate, Distinguished Graduate, and Academic Awards

US Army War College Superior Graduate Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 25 Feb 1999

First Lieutenant 26 Feb 2001

Captain 15 March 2003

Major 02 June 2007

Lieutenant Colonel 28 June 2012

Colonel 15 Aug 2019

(Current as of Feb 2021)