



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL D. TYNISMAA

Colonel Michael D. Tynismaa is Commander, Civil Air Patrol-U.S. Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. CAP-USAF provides advice, liaison and oversight to Civil Air Patrol, a national organization congressionally chartered as the Air Force Auxiliary. CAP has approximately 60,000 members across the U.S., Puerto Rico and several overseas Air Force installations. CAP-USAF operates from 43 locations nationwide, providing oversight of CAP's 1,500 units and fleet of 550 light aircraft.

Colonel Tynismaa was a distinguished graduate from Air Force ROTC Detachment 595 and earned his commission upon graduation from North Carolina State University. As an Air Force intern, he worked on the Joint Staff, J33 Division and for the secretary of the Air Force Staff, Reserve Affairs while completing his master's degree in Organizational Management from The George Washington University.

Colonel Tynismaa has commanded at the squadron and group levels, deployed operationally in the A/OA-10 and F-15E, and served as chief of International Advanced Weapons Programs, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. In addition, he served as deputy chief, Security Assistance Office, U.S. Embassy in Pakistan, and coordinated military exercises, engagements and training with the Pakistan military. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Tynismaa was the commander of the 409th Air Expeditionary Group in Niamey, Niger, which provided intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance support throughout the AFRICOM AOR. He is a command pilot with more than 2,300 fighter hours, including 449 combat hours supporting operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Southern Watch, Deliberate Guard and Noble Eagle.



EDUCATION:

- 1991 Bachelor of Science degree in zoology, North Carolina State University
- 1996 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2000 Master of Arts degree in organizational management, The George Washington University
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, (correspondence)
- 2006 Master of Science degree in defense analysis, Naval Postgraduate School
- 2008 Air War College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1992 – July 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2. October 1993 – March 1994, Student, A/OA-10 Reinforcement Training Unit, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
3. June 1994 – May 1996, A/OA-10 Flight Lead, Forward Air Controller, Battalion Air Liaison Officer, Assistant Weapons Officer and Programmer, 25th Fighter Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea

4. July 1996 – July 1998, A/OA-10 Flight Lead and Functional Check Flight Pilot, Forward Air Controller, Battalion Air Liaison Officer, Chief of Readiness and Chief of Plans, 81st Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
5. August 1998 – May 2000, Air Force Intern Program, Class Leader, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
6. June 2000 – March 2001, Student, F-15E Reinforcement Training Unit Transition Course, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
7. April 2001 – May 2005, F-15E Instructor Pilot, Chief of Training and Flight Commander 336th Fighter Squadron, followed by Chief of Strike Plans 4th Operational Support Squadron, then Assistant Director of Operations 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
8. June 2005 – September 2006, Student, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
9. October 2006 – May 2009, Chief, International Advanced Weapons Programs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. June 2009 – May 2011, Assistant Director of Operations followed by Director of Operations, 494th Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Station Lakenheath, United Kingdom
11. July 2011 – June 2013, Commander, 23rd Training Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
12. July 2013 – July 2014, Deputy Commandant, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Deployed as Commander, 409th Air Expeditionary Group, Air Base 101, Niamey, Niger)
13. August 2014 - present, Commander, Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

SUMMARY OF JOINT EXPERIENCE:

1. August 1997 – November 1997, Battalion Air Liaison Officer, 1st Battalion, 36 Infantry Regiment, Task Force Eagle Multinational Division North, Bosnia
2. July 1999 – December 1999, Intern/Action Officer, Joint Staff J-33, EUCOM Division, Washington, D.C.
3. July 2008 – Jan 2009, Deputy Chief, Security Assistance Office, Office of the Defense Representative, United States Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 2,395, including 449 combat hours

Aircraft flown: F-15E, A/OA-10, AT-38, T-38, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with nine oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Achievement Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Jan. 6, 1992

First Lieutenant Jan. 6, 1994

Captain Jan. 6, 1996

Major Oct. 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 1, 2007

Colonel Nov. 1, 2013

(Current as of October 2014)