



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID J. SPEHAR

Lieutenant Colonel Spehar is the 127th Maintenance Group Commander, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan. The Maintenance Group is comprised of 484 authorized maintenance personnel divided into twelve maintenance specialties. Directly responsible for safe and effective maintenance on 21 assigned A-10C aircraft, including heavy periodic inspections. He is Accountable for the execution of a multi-million dollar maintenance budget, sets maintenance policy, ensures compliance and is ultimately responsible for training and mobilization readiness to support any state or federal higher headquarters tasking.



Colonel Spehar earned his bachelor's degree and was commissioned in 1993 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Akron. He attended the Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas in January 1994 and graduated in July 1994. His first duty assignment was with the F-117A "Stealth Fighter" at the 49th Maintenance Squadron, Holloman AFB, New Mexico. He held numerous leadership positions within the 49th Fighter Wing. In 1996 he was selected for an assignment as Deputy Chief of Supportability and Low Observables for the Joint Strike Fighter at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The project later became known as the F-35 "Lightning II." In June 1999, after attending specialized training at Maxwell AFB, he earned his academic instructor rating and became an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Science at Virginia Military Institute until departing active duty in August 2000.

Colonel Spehar arrived at the 127th Wing in November of 2000. He was assigned to the 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, as the F-16C Maintenance Operations Officer and served in that capacity until being hired as the full time C-130E Deputy Director of Maintenance in the 127th Airlift Group on 3 March 2005. He earned his first command in the 191st Maintenance Operations Flight in September of 2005 and commanded his first squadron in June of 2007, the 191st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He, along with a team of skilled professionals, led his squadron through a successful aircraft conversion, an Operational Readiness Inspection and the 127th Wing's first-ever Nuclear Operation Readiness Inspection in the KC-135T aircraft.

During his career, Colonel Spehar has deployed to combat operations as an operations officer and commander to Germany, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Turkey supporting Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. Most recently, from April 4th 2015 through 24 October 2015, he commanded the 332d Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron composed of 276 Airmen from the 127th Wing and 15 active duty Airmen supporting Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

EDUCATION

1993 BA, Business and Organization Communications, University of Akron, OH
1998 MS, Aerospace Science & Operations, Embry Riddle, WPAFB Campus, OH
2001 Squadron Officer School (in-residence)
2006 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
2015 Air War College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jan 1994 – Jun 1994, Officer Technical Training, 362 TS, Sheppard AFB, TX
2. Jun 1994 – Sep 1995, 49 Sortie Supt Flt Commander, 49 LG, Holloman AFB, NM
3. Sep 1995 – Oct 1996, 49 Sortie Gen Flt Commander, 49 LG, Holloman AFB, NM
4. Oct 1996 – Sep 1998, Joint Strike Fighter Acq/Log Manager, WPAFB, OH
5. Sep 1998 – Aug 1999, F-117A Deputy Chief of Sustainment, WPAFB, OH
6. Aug 1999 – Oct 2000, Assistance Prof of Aero Science, Virginia Military Inst, VA
7. Dec 2000 – Feb 2003, Sortie Gen Flt Commander, 127 AGS, Selfridge ANGB, MI
8. Feb 2003 – Mar 2005, Maintenance Ops Officer, 127 AMXS, Selfridge ANGB, MI
9. Mar 2005 – Sep 2005, C-130 Maintenance Officer, 191 MXS, Selfridge ANGB, MI
10. Sep 2005 – Jun 2007, Flight Commander, 191 MOF, Selfridge ANGB, MI
11. Jun 2007 – Apr 2012, Squadron Commander, 191 AMXS, Selfridge ANGB, MI
12. Apr 2015 – Oct 2015, Squadron Commander, 332d EAMXS, Al Jaber AB, Kuwait
13. Apr 2011 – Jan 2016, Squadron Commander, 127 MXS, Selfridge ANGB, MI
14. Jan 2016 – Present, Group Commander, 127 MXG, Selfridge ANGB, MI

AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCE:

1993 – 1996 F-117A “Nighthawk”
2000 – 2005 F-16C “Viper”
2005 – 2008 C-130E “Hercules”
2008 – 2011 KC-135T “Stratotanker”
2011 – Present A-10C “Warthog”

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal w/ 1 silver oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal w/ 4 oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal w/ 2 oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Unit Award w/ 2 oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor w/ 2 oak leaf clusters
Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal w/ 3 oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal w/ bronze star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal w/ bronze star
GWOT Expeditionary Medal
GWOT Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and 1 oak leaf cluster
Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ 2 Mobility Devices
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon w/ bronze star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

2 Lt 20 Sep 1993
1 Lt 20 Sep 1995
Capt 20 Sep 1997
Maj 04 Oct 2001
Lt Col 04 Oct 2008