



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **CAPTAIN ROBERT BUZZELL**

Captain Rob Buzzell is a safety officer with Air Combat Command's Viper East F-16 Demonstration Team. As a safety officer, he helps ensure safe and coordinated F-16 airshow operations at approximately 15 shows around the world annually. While the demonstration pilot showcases the F-16 Fighting Falcon, Captain Buzzell remains in verbal contact with him throughout the demonstration. He is currently assigned as an F-16 combat mission ready aircraft commander and Chief of Flying safety with the 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Captain Buzzell was born September 21, 1970 in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from Groton-Dunstable High School in Groton Mass. in 1989. In 1994, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science specializing in American Government. He has served as a Personnel Officer, T-37 instructor pilot and F-16 pilot.

### **EDUCATION**

1994 Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

1996 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Extended Campus, Daytona, Fla.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. 1994 - 1997: Personnel Officer, Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas
2. 1997 - 1998: Student Pilot, T-37, T-38, Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla.
3. 1998 - 2001: T-37 Instructor Pilot, Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla.
4. 2001 - 2002: Student Pilot, F-16 Fighter Training Unit, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
5. 2002 - 2003: F-16 Pilot, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
6. 2003 - Present: F-16 Pilot and Chief of Flight Safety, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Pilot

Flight hours: Approx. 1800 hours

F-16 Flight Hours: 400

Aircraft flown: T-41, T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-16

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal, two oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal, one bronze star

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant                      June 1994

First Lieutenant                         June 1996

Captain                                        June 1998

(Current as of February 2004)