



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Major GEOFF HICKMAN

Major Geoff Hickman is the Air Combat Command's Viper East F-16 Demonstration Team pilot and officer in charge of the F-16 Demonstration Team. As the Demonstration pilot, he showcases America's F-16 Fighting Falcon to more than seven million people at approximately 65 shows around the world. He is currently assigned as an F-16 instructor pilot and flight examiner with the 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, SC.

Major Hickman was born March 20, 1972 in Oak Park, Il. He graduated from Oak Park – River Forest High School in Oak Park, Il. in 1990. In 1994, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in History specializing in Far East area studies. He has served as an air liaison officer and instructor pilot.

EDUCATION

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

1996 Master of Public Policy Degree, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1994 - 1996: Graduate Student, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Mass.
2. 1996 - 1997: Student Pilot, T-37, T-38, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
3. 1997 - 1998: Student Pilot, F-16 RTU, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
4. 1998 - 2000: F-16 Pilot, Shaw Air Force Base, SC.
5. 2001 - 2001: Air Liaison Officer to the 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Republic of Korea
6. 2002 - Present: F-16 Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner, Shaw Air Force Base, SC.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: Approx. 1450 hours

F-16 Flight Hours: 1200

Combat hours: 265 hours

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

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Medal, four oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal, one oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal, one oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal, one bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, one bronze star

NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 1994

First Lieutenant June 1996

Captain June 1998

Major July 2004

(Current as of July 2004)

