



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COLONEL RODNEY L. HORN, TXANG

Col Horn is Vice Commander, 147<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Wing, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Houston, Texas. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, in July 1959, and moved to Turkey when he was 2 months old. He comes from a family with a long history of military duty. His great great grandfather served with the Union forces during the Civil War, and his uncle served in the Army Air Corps. His father retired from the Air Force (active duty) in 1970. His brother retired from the Air Force (active duty) in 2002. The son of a career Air Force NCO, he spent the majority of his childhood overseas. He attended high school in Bossier City, Louisiana, where, in 1973, he joined the Civil Air Patrol. He served in a number of positions in the cadet program, and was the 548th member to earn the coveted Carl A. Spaatz Award. Col Horn received ROTC training at Louisiana Tech University where he served as the Group Commander of the 305th Detachment cadet corps. Graduating in May 1981, he received a commission as a 2Lt, and entered the Air Force (active duty) in June 1981. Following Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, he was assigned to the 596<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (HVY) at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, where he flew the B-52G. His crew was the only crew to achieve a 100% DE (Damage Expectancy) during GLOBAL SHIELD for two consecutive years, and one of only two crews to achieve a 100% DE during their ORI. In addition, he was the only bomber aircrew member to achieve an Outstanding Performance rating by command evaluators during a Combat Evaluation Group inspection. He left active duty in 1988 to accept a position with Pan American Airlines. In 1991, he accepted an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) position with the Texas Air National Guard to help establish a Counter Drug Aircraft program for the Air National Guard. Following the Operational Test and Evaluation, the unit trained the Initial Cadre for units throughout the United States. Once the testing and initial training was complete, he left the AGR program to accept a position with United Airlines; remaining with the 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing as a traditional Guardsman. As a Guardsman, he has been mobilized five times, the latest to serve as a Deputy Director in the Office of Security Cooperation in Kabul, Afghanistan. In March, 2006, he left United Airlines to accept a Technician position as the Vice Air Commander at Ellington Field, JRB. He is a command pilot with more than 3,900 flight hours. He is married to Misty, whom he met in the Civil Air Patrol in 1977, and has four children; Hannah, Rainer, Mitchell, and Jenna.



## EDUCATION:

1981 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, Louisiana Tech University  
1985 Master of Business Administration degree in finance and management, Louisiana Tech University  
1987 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama  
1993 Air Command and Staff College  
2001 Air War College  
2008 Joint Professional Military Education, National Defense University, Norfolk, VA.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

1981 Undergraduate Pilot Training, STURON, Vance AFB, OK.  
1982 Initial Training B-52G, Combat Crew Training Center, Castle AFB, CA.  
1985 Upgrade Training B-52G, Combat Crew Training Center, Castle AFB, CA.  
1991 SA-227 Initial Training, Flight Safety International, San Antonio, TX.

1993 Cockpit Resource Management, Air National Guard Resource Center, Houston, TX.  
1992-99 SA-227 Refresher Training, Flight Safety International, San Antonio, TX.  
1994 Basic Mediation, Albuquerque, NM.  
1994 Level II Mediation, Albuquerque, NM.  
1994 Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), Patrick AFB, FL.  
1999 Inspector General Training, Washington D.C.  
2002 Air Combat Command Antiterrorism Force Protection Level II Course, Nellis AFB, NV  
2003 On Scene Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, AL.  
2003 USAF Support Group Commanders' Course, Maxwell AFB, AL.  
2006 Commanders' Development Course, Washington D.C.  
2008 Initial Training MQ-1, 11RS, Creech AFB, NV.

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. June 1981 – July 1982, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma
2. July 1982 – February 1983, Student, B-52G Combat Crew Training School, Atwater, California
3. February 1983 – October 1985, B-52G and T-37B Pilot, 596<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
4. October 1985 - January 1986, Student, B-52G Combat Crew Training School, Atwater, California
5. January 1986 – July 1988, B-52G Aircraft Commander, 596<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
6. July 1988 – July 1990, Individual Ready Reserve, Air Force Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colorado
7. July 1990 – April 1991, Inactive status list, Air Force Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colorado
8. April 1991 – July 1997, UC-26C and C-26 Instructor Pilot and Chief, Standardization and Evaluation for Counter Drug, 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Ellington Air National Guard Base, Texas
9. July 1997 – May 1999, Chief, Wing Plans, 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Air National Guard Base, Texas
10. May 1999 – July 1999, Finance Officer, 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Air National Guard Base, Texas
11. July 1999 – January 2003, Inspector General, 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Air National Guard Base, Texas
12. January 2003 – May 2003, Mission Support Flight Commander, 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Air National Guard Base, Texas
13. May 2003 – December 2003, Deputy Mission Support Group Commander, 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Air National Guard Base, Texas
14. December 2003 – March 2006, Mission Support Group Commander, 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Air National Guard Base, Texas
15. March 2006 – June 2008, Vice Commander, 147<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Texas
16. June 2008 – Present, Vice Commander, 147<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Wing, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Texas

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command pilot  
Flight hours: 3,800  
Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, B-52G, UC-26C, C-26A/B, RC-26B

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Order of Daedalians, Life Member  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Life Member  
American Legion  
Air Force Association, Life Member  
National Guard Association of Texas, Life Member  
Spatz Association

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster  
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with star device  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
Air Force Longevity Service Award with silver oak leaf cluster  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 4 'M' devices  
Air Force Small Arms Expert Ribbon (pistol)  
Air Force Training Ribbon  
Texas Outstanding Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Texas Governor Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster  
Texas Federal Service Medal  
Texas Faithful Service Medal with device

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	May 23, 1981
First Lieutenant	May 27, 1983
Captain	May 27, 1985
Major	July 6, 1993
Lieutenant Colonel	October 6, 1999
Colonel	July 26, 2004

(Current as of June 2008)