



# BIOGRAPHY

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## **COLONEL WILLIAM B. RICHY**

Col. William B. Richy is the vice commander for the 124th Fighter Wing, Idaho Air National Guard, Boise, Idaho. He shares responsibility with the wing commander for the operational readiness of the wing's two flying squadrons, range squadron, and 16 support units, with more than 1,400 members. The 124th Fighter Wing, based at Gowen Field (Boise Air Terminal) in Boise, Idaho, is a reserve component of the U.S. Air Force's Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command.

Colonel Richy began his military career in 1977 as an enlisted member of the United States Air Force. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1984 after graduating from the Academy of Military Science. Colonel Richy joined the Idaho Air National Guard as an instructor pilot in the RF-4C in 1988.

### **EDUCATION:**

- 1982 Associate in Applied Science, Community College of the Air Force.
- 1983 Bachelor's in Business Administration, McKendree College, Louisville, Ky.
- 1984 USAF Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
- 1988 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence
- 1990 Master in Business Administration, Golden Gate University, San Francisco Calif.
- 1999 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
- 2007 Air War College, Correspondence

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

July 1988 – Dec. 1990, Flight Instructor and Scheduler, RF-4C RTU, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

Dec. 1990 – March 1991, Flight Instructor and Flight Scheduler, 190th Fighter Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

May 1995 – Aug. 1996, 190<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Flying Safety Officer, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

Aug. 1996 – July 1998, A-10/OA Instructor Pilot, 190th Fighter Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

Nov. 1998–Nov. 2000, Flight Commander, 190<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

Nov. 2000–Nov. 2006, commander, 124th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

Oct. 2006 – Oct. 2008, commander, 124th Maintenance Group, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

Oct. 2008 – present, vice commander, 124<sup>th</sup> (Fighter) Wing, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 8,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, RF-4C, F-4E, F4G, A/OA-10A, C-26B. HS-125, CE-550, CL-601, B-747, B-757, B-767, and the DC-8

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Combat Readiness Medal

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant: March 1984

First Lieutenant: December 1986

Captain: February 1989

Major: April 1996

Lieutenant Colonel: May 2000

Colonel: April 2008

*(Current as of December 2009)*