



## The Air Force Song

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,*

*Climbing high into the sun*

*Here they come zooming to meet our thunder*

*At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!*

*Down we dive, spouting our flame from under*

*Off with one helluva roar!*

*We live in fame or go down in flame*

*Nothing'll stop the US Air Force!*

## 480TH FIGHTER SQUADRON WARHAWKS



**CHANGE OF COMMAND  
17 MAY 2010**

**SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, GERMANY**

# CHANGE OF COMMAND

*Colonel David B. Lyons  
Commander, 52d Operations Group  
Presiding Officer for the  
480th Fighter Squadron Change of Command as  
Lieutenant Colonel Paul J. Murray  
Relinquishes Command to  
Lieutenant Colonel Cameron W. Caroom*

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

*Arrival of the Official Party  
Presentation of the Command  
Presentation of the Colors  
National Anthems  
Invocation by Chaplain Gajda  
Remarks by Colonel Lyons  
Medal Presentation  
Remarks by Lieutenant Colonel Murray  
Change of Command  
Remarks by Lieutenant Colonel Caroom  
Air Force Song  
Departure of the Official Party  
Command Dismissed  
  
Lieutenant Colonel Caroom and his family invite you to the reception  
in Hangar 1, immediately following today's ceremony.*

# 480<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER SQUADRON



## OUR VISION

**REMAIN THE BEST SEAD SQUADRON IN THE CAF**

**FIRST IN...LAST OUT! LIVE THE WILD WEASEL  
MOTTO IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND**

## OUR MISSION

**PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMBAT POWER IN DEFENSE  
OF AMERICAN AND ALLIANCE INTERESTS**

- ALWAYS READY IN SEAD/DEAD/AI/DCA**
- READY IN SHORT NOTICE FOR CAS**



# HISTORY OF THE GREAT WARHAWK NATION

The distinguished history of the 480<sup>th</sup> began during World War II when it was constituted as a training squadron at MacDill Field, FL. The 480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, the Warhawks, was activated later in 1957 at England Air Force Base, Louisiana as the 480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Squadron, flying the F-100 Super Sabre. After a tumultuous deactivation and reactivation period in the late 1950's, the 480<sup>th</sup> was reactivated as the 480<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron on 8 May 1962, under United States Air Forces in Europe, and based at Chaumont and later Phalsbourg-Bourscheid Air Base, France flying first the F-84F Thunderstreak and later the F-100 Super Sabre.

The 480 TFS and its F-100's were reassigned to Holloman AFB, NM in 1963 and in 1965 the squadron began to receive F-4C Phantom II fighters. It was deployed to Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam, in February 1966 as part of the USAF buildup in Southeast Asia and was engaged in combat operations, mostly in North Vietnam, from 1966-1971. During this period, the squadron scored nine MiG kills, including the first MiG-21 kill of the Vietnam War, and received two Presidential Unit Citations. Also during this period a member of the 480 TFS, Captain Lance Sijan, became the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism as a prisoner in North Vietnam. In 1969 the Warhawks moved to Phu Cat Air Base, South Vietnam, then to Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, South Vietnam in 1970. With the drawdown of American forces in South Vietnam, the Warhawks flew their last combat mission and the last combat sortie from Cam Ranh Bay on 20 Oct 1971, after which the squadron was deactivated.

The Warhawks were reactivated in 1976 as part of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, flying the F-4D Phantom II, the F-4E and then F-4G as part of the "Wild Weasel" Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) mission. In March 1987, the Warhawks began flying the Air Force's newest fighter, the F-16C Fighting Falcon (known as the Viper) and during the Gulf War received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Citation for Valor. With Cold War military reductions, the Warhawks were forced into temporary retirement in 1994, but the Great Warhawk Nation was reactivated in 2010 as the 480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, flying the F-16CM Block-50 as part of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. The Warhawks have since continued to distinguish themselves in combat operations Operation Odyssey Dawn over Libya, and Operation New Dawn in Iraq. Today the squadron is the only US Air Force SEAD squadron based in Europe, and the Warhawks proudly carry on the Wild Weasel legacy and the tradition of being "First In... Last Out!"

## PAST 480<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER SQUADRON COMMANDERS

ALFRED D. BELSMA, CAPT, USAAF	15 JULY 1942
CHESLEY I. SWANN, CAPT, USAAF	16 JULY 1943
GERALD J. CROSSEN, MAJ, USAAF	8 SEPT 1943

SQUADRON INACTIVATED 1 MAY 1944 – RECONSTITUTED 16 APR 1951

UNKNOWN	16 APR 1951
HARRY L. SMITH, LTCOL, USAF	1 OCT 1952
RODERICK G. DARELINS, LTCOL, USAF	1 MAY 1953
FREDERICK J. KNORRE JR., COL, USAF	8 SEPT 1953
GILBERT F. NOAKES, COL, USAF	1 MAR 1954

SQUADRON INACTIVATED 18 OCT 1956 – REACTIVATED 25 SEP 1957

DAVID T. DAVIDSON, MAJ, USAF	25 SEPT 1957
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SQUADRON INACTIVATED 1 APR 1959 – REACTIVATED 30 APR 1962

UNKNOWN	30 APR 1962
LELAND W. DAWSON, MAJ, USAF	10 JUL 1962
WILLIAM E. ARCHBOLD, LTCOL, USAF	12 JUL 1962
ROBERT P. PASQUALICCHIO, LTCOL, USAF	30 APR 1965
LELAND W. DAWSON, LTCOL, USAF	24 JUN 1966
GEORGE H. SYLVESTER, LTCOL, USAF	8 OCT 1966
ROBERT B. TANGUY, LTCOL, USAF	26 DEC 1966
JOHN W. ARMSTRONG, LTCOL, USAF	1 JUNE 1967
ROBERT F. BROCKMAN, LTCOL, USAF	10 NOV 1967
DONALD R. D'AMICO, LTCOL, USAF	28 MAY 1968
EDWIN J. SCARFF, LTCOL, USAF	30 OCT 1968
DAVID W. SHOUP, LTCOL, USAF	1 APR 1969
JACK E. SHEPPARD, LTCOL, USAF	4 DEC 1969
KENNETH D. BURNS, LTCOL, USAF	4 MAR 1970
ROBERT B. KENDALL, LTCOL, USAF	23 APR 1970
WILLIAM C. THOMAS, LTCOL, USAF	12 OCT 1970
JOHN S. GARRET, LTCOL, USAF	17 FEB 1971
CHARLES J. CUNNINGHAM JR, LTCOL, USAF	17 JUN 1971

SQUADRON INACTIVATED 17 NOV 1971 – REACTIVATED 15 NOV 1976

HOWARD K. CARROLL, LTCOL, USAF	15 NOV 1976
BARTON P. CREWS, LTCOL, USAF	28 JUL 1978
LAURENCE W. PETERS, LTCOL, USAF	7 NOV 1980
MARLIN R. KITCHEN, LTCOL, USAF	1 SEPT 1981
THOMAS L. TICKTIN, LTCOL, USAF	5 MAR 1982
JOHN W. ADLER, LTCOL, USAF	22 DEC 1986
RICHARD F. HARDY, LTCOL, USAF	14 DEC 1984
WILLIAM W. HILLMAN, LTCOL, USAF	12 DEC 1986
LARRY E. BICKEL, LTCOL, USAF	30 DEC 1988
JAMES E. ALLGOOD, LTCOL, USAF	13 JUL 1990
JIMMIE E. CROUCH JR, LTCOL, USAF	27 MAY 1992
KENNETH S. CALICUTT, LTCOL, USAF	17 NOV 1993

SQUADRON INACTIVATED 1 APR 1994 – REACTIVATED 13 AUG 2010

ANDREW WOLCOTT, LTCOL, USAF	13 AUG 2010
PAUL J. MURRAY, LTCOL, USAF	4 MAR 2011

## COLONEL DAVID B. LYONS



Colonel David B. Lyons is the commander of the 52nd Operations Group, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. The unit consists of two fighter squadrons, an air control squadron, and an operations support squadron. The group's 550 people, 24 F-16, 18 A-10 fighter aircraft, and 2 TPS-75 mobile radar units stand ready to support NATO and combatant command authorities with combat airpower in the mission areas of suppression of enemy air defenses, close air support, air interdiction, counter air, air strike control, combat search and rescue, and theater airspace control.

Colonel Lyons entered the Air Force in 1992, receiving his commission through ROTC. He graduated from the

Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Management. Colonel Lyons attended undergraduate pilot training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and remained there for lead-in fighter training. He has held various operational F-16 and A/OA-10 flying positions, served as a jump battalion air liaison officer with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, airpower strategist for CHECKMATE and commanded the 34th Fighter Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Colonel Lyons is a graduate of both the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He has multiple combat deployments to Operations Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom.

He is a senior pilot with more than 2,000 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, F-16C/D and A/OA-10, to include 397 combat flight hours.

### EDUCATION

1992 Bachelor's of Science in Industrial Management, Air Force ROTC distinguished graduate, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (distinguished graduate)  
2000 Master of Arts in Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

2005 Master's of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (distinguished graduate)

2006 Master's of Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington D.C. (distinguished graduate)

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1993 - February 1995, student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training / Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals / Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape, Sheppard AFB, Texas.
2. February 1995 - July 1995, Student, A-10 Initial Qualification Training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
3. July 1995 - August 1996, A/OA-10 attack pilot / forward air controller / life support officer, 25th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea.
4. August 1996 - July 1998, A/OA-10 flight lead / forward air controller / assistant weapons officer, 74th Fighter Squadron and jump battalion air liaison officer, 82nd Airborne Division, Pope AFB, N.C.
5. July 1998 - December 2000, Air Force intern, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
6. December 2000 - June 2003, F-16CJ flight commander / chief of current operations / assistant director of operations, 14th Fighter Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan.
7. June 2003 - July 2004, F-16CJ instructor pilot / director of operations, 35th Operations Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan.
8. July 2004 - July 2005, student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2005 - June 2006, student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. June 2006 - June 2007, chief, U.S. Central Command planning team, Headquarters Air Force / plans and programs CHECKMATE, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2007 - June 2008, airpower strategist, Chief of Staff of the Air Force's strategic studies group, CHECKMATE, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2008 - June 2009, chief of safety, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah.
13. June 2009 - June 2010, F-16CG flight examiner / commander, 34th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah.
14. July 2010 - June 2011, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2011 - present, commander, 52nd Operations Group, Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: 2,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-16C/D, and A/OA-10

## AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Flying Cross with valor device  
Bronze Star  
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Air Force Combat Action Medal  
Air Force Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor device and three oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star device  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Feb. 2, 1993  
First Lieutenant Feb. 2, 1995  
Captain Feb. 2, 1997  
Major June 1, 2003  
Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 2007  
Colonel Sept. 1, 2011

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL J. MURRAY



Lieutenant Colonel Paul "Dino" Murray is the Commander, 480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany—the "Warhawks." The squadron flies the F-16CM Block 50 Viper in support of NATO and the National Command Authorities. The 480<sup>th</sup> is the only USAF suppression of enemy air defense squadron in Europe and also supports the Supreme Allied Commander Europe with expeditionary air power for counterair, close air support, air interdiction, and strategic attack.

Lt Col Murray graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He has extensive experience in fighter operations including weapons, training, scheduling, and standardization and evaluation. Two months after 9/11, Lt Col Murray deployed to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan with 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division where he commanded all conventional Joint Terminal Attack Controllers on the ground during Operation ANACONDA. Later, he commanded the Tactical Air Control Party assigned to the division's Assault Command Post during major combat operations in IRAQI FREEDOM and coordinated airpower for the Screaming Eagles' march from Kuwait to Mosul. While flying F-16s in Italy, Lt Col Murray again deployed to the Middle East and flew combat sorties over Iraq and Afghanistan. Prior to his current assignment he served in the Pentagon on the Joint Staff as an Operations Officer in the Joint Operations Division (J-3). On 19 March 2011, Lt Col Murray led The Great Warhawk Nation into combat over Libya on the first night of Operation ODESSEY DAWN.

Lt Col Murray is a command pilot with more than 2,300 flight hours in the F-16 including 580 combat hours in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, ODESSEY DAWN, UNIFIED PROTECTOR, and NEW DAWN. He is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Kimberley Ann Meltz of Calumet City, IL. They have 4 children: Kendall, Jakob, Grace and Keira.

## EDUCATION

1994, Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy  
Washington, D.C.  
1999, Squadron Officer School  
2007, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, Rhode Island  
2007, Master of National Security Studies, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island

## ASSIGNMENTS

1994 – 1995, Student, Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma  
1995 – 1996, F-16 Student Pilot, 61<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona  
1996 – 1999, F-16 Flight Lead, 524<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico  
1999 – 2001, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 36<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea  
2001 – 2003, Air Liaison Officer and Flight Commander, 19<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Campbell, Kentucky  
2003 – 2006, Flight Commander and Chief, Wing Standardizations and Evaluations, Aviano Air Base, Italy  
2006 – 2007, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, Rhode Island  
2007 – 2009, Deputy PACOM Division Chief, Joint Operations Division, Joint Staff J-3, the Pentagon, Washington, DC  
2009 – 2011, Director of Operations, 52<sup>nd</sup> Operations Support Squadron, as well as the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadrons  
2011 – Present, Commander, 480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Flight hours: 2,500+  
Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-16

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star with Valor device and Oak Leaf Cluster  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Meritorious Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster  
AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device

## OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1995 Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma  
1997 Wingman of the Year, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico  
2001 Outstanding Graduate Award, Squadron Officer School  
2002 Company Grade Officer of the Year, Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina  
2007 Graduated with “Highest Distinction,” Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, Rhode Island

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant: 1 June 1994  
First Lieutenant: 1 June 1996  
Captain: 1 June 1998  
Major: 1 July 2004  
Lieutenant Colonel: 1 June 2008

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAMERON W. CAROOM

Lieutenant Colonel Cameron W. Caroom is the incoming commander of the 480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, 52nd Operations Group, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. The unit's 24 F-16CJ aircraft and personnel stand ready to support NATO and combatant command authorities with combat airpower in the mission areas of suppression of enemy air defenses, close air support, air interdiction, and counter air.

Lieutenant Colonel Caroom entered the Air Force in 1996, receiving his commission through the United States Air Force Academy. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

Lieutenant Colonel Caroom attended undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Texas, and remained there for lead-in fighter training. He has held various operational F-16 flying positions, and served as an airpower strategist for United States Air Forces Africa. Lieutenant Colonel Caroom is a distinguished graduate of both the United States Air Force Weapons School and the United States Navy Maritime Advanced Warfare school. He has multiple combat deployments to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

He is a senior pilot with more than 1,800 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, and F-16C/D, to include 186 combat flight hours.

## EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor's of Science in Aeronautical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, USAFA, Colorado.  
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (distinguished graduate)  
2005 United States Air Force Weapons School (distinguished graduate)  
2007 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)  
2008 Master of Science in Aeronautical Sciences, Embry-Riddle University, Daytona Beach, Fl.  
2009 Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, United States Naval War College, Newport, RI. (distinguished graduate)  
2009 Advanced Studies Graduate, United States Navy Maritime Advanced Warfare School, United States Naval War College, Newport, RI.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1996 – January 1998, student, Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training / Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, Mississippi.
2. January 1998 – October 1998, Student, F-16 Initial Qualification Training, Luke AFB, Arizona.
3. October 1998 – October 1999, F-16 fighter pilot/assistant training officer, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea.
4. November 1999 – March 2001, F-16 flight lead / Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 523rd Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
5. March 2001 – July 2002, F-16 Instructor Pilot/Assistant Chief of Wing Weapons and Tactics, 524th Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
6. July 2002 – January 2005, F-16 Instructor Pilot/Scheduler/ Flight Commander / Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 310th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona.
7. January 2005 - July 2005, student, United States Air Force Weapons School
8. July 2005 - July 2008, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Wing Weapons and Tactics, 35 FW, Misawa AB, Japan.
9. July 2008 – November 2009, student, Naval Command and Staff College & United States Navy Maritime Advanced Warfare School, United States Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
10. November 2009 – October 2011, Chief of Current Operations/Chief of Special Technical Operations/Deputy Director of Air, Space, Cyberspace Operations, Seventeenth Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany.
11. October 2011 - present, Special Assistant to the Commander, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: 1,800

Aircraft flown: T-37, AT/T-38, and F-16C/D

#### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1996

First Lieutenant May 29, 1998

Captain May 29, 2000

Major April 1, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2010



## THE CHANGE OF COMMAND

*The Change of Command Ceremony is rooted in military history dating back to the 16th century during the reign of King Frederick the Great of Prussia. During this time, organizational flags were developed with color arrangements and symbols unique to each particular unit. To this flag and its commander, the soldiers of the unit would dedicate their loyalty and trust. When a Change of Command was to take place, the outgoing commander would pass the flag to the individual assuming command. This gesture was accomplished in the front of the unit so that all could see and witness their new leader assuming his dutiful position. He who controlled the flag also controlled the soldiers and their allegiances. This symbolic tradition has survived throughout military history and today will serve as the key event of this solemn military ceremony.*

*The Men and Women of the  
480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron  
extend their sincere appreciation to  
Lieutenant Colonel Paul Murray  
and his wife, Kim Murray,  
for their personal leadership and contributions  
to the Great Warhawk Nation.*

*We wish you all the best!*

*We would also like to extend a warm  
welcome to our new commander,  
Lieutenant Colonel Cameron Caroom  
and his wife, Molly Hyde-Caroom,  
as they take the reigns of the  
480<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron.*

**FIRST IN...**



**LAST OUT!**