



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL PATRICK H. LYON

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick “Welp” Lyon is the Director of Operations, Detachment 2, First Air Force and a Mission Crew Commander, Canadian Air Defence Sector, Canadian Forces Base North Bay, Ontario, Canada. In this capacity, he leads a bi-national and joint team of USAF and RCAF in direct support of the Canadian NORAD Region mission of air defense and ensuring air sovereignty of North America.

Lieutenant Colonel Lyon received his commission from the the Air Force ROTC program at South Dakota State University, South Dakota, in 2007. During his career he has held a variety of positions including Evaluator Air Battle Manager, Chief of Group Standards and Evaluations, and Director of Staff. More recently he was Chief of NATO AWACS Mission Crew Simulator Operations where he managed a \$55 million sim facility and scheduled over 300 training events to conduct initial, mission, and instructor qualification training for every E3A mission crewmember assigned to Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany.

Lieutenant Colonel Lyon is a senior air battle manager with more than 1,000 flight hours including nearly 300 combat hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## EDUCATION

- 2007 Bachelor of Science, Manufacturing Engineering Technology, South Dakota State University, SD
- 2008 Air and Space Basic Course (Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Naval Air Station Fallon, NV
- 2013 Squadron Officer School (Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2013 Master of Science, Aviation Logistics & Management, SE Oklahoma State University, OK
- 2020 Master of Science, Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College (Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2007 - June 2008, Student, Undergraduate Air Battle Manager, Tyndall AFB, FL
2. June 2008 - June 2009, Student, E-3B/C Air Weapons Officer training, Tinker AFB, OK
3. June 2009 – April 2011, E-3B/C Air Weapons Officer, 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
4. April 2011 – September 2012, E-3B/C Instructor Air Weapons Officer and Squadron Resource Advisor, 552d Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
5. September 2012 – October 2013, E-3B/C Evaluator Air Weapons Officer and Flight Commander, 552d Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
6. October 2013 – May 2015, Instructor Air Battle Manager and Flight Commander, 337<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
7. May 2015 – December 2015, Evaluator Air Battle Manager and Director of Staff, 337<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
8. December 2015 – Feb 2017, Evaluator Air Battle Manager and Chief Group Standards and Evaluations, 337<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
9. Feb 2017 – May 2019, E3A Mission Crew Commander and Chief Mission Crew Simulator Operations, NATO AWACS Operations Squadron, Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany.
10. May 2019 – June 2020, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

11. June 2020 – present, Mission Crew Commander and Director of Operations, First Air Force, Detachment 2, CFB North Bay, Canada

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Air Battle Manager

Flight Hours: Over 1,000

Aircraft Flown: E-3B/C, E-3A

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 2007

First Lieutenant May 2009

Captain May 2011

Major February 2017

Lieutenant Colonel February 2022

(Current as of May 2022)