

Lieutenant Colonel John C. Walker is a resident student attending the Joint Advanced Warfighting School at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Colonel Walker was born in Jacksonville, IL and earned a Bachelor of Science and his commission after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy in 1993.

After completing undergraduate pilot training at Sheppard Air Force Base (AFB), Texas in 1994, he attended F-16 Formal Training Unit (FTU) at Luke AFB, Arizona and flew operational F-16s at Hill AFB, Utah and Osan Air Base, South Korea. In 2000, he was selected as an exchange officer with the British Royal Air Force where he flew the Harrier GR7. Following his exchange tour, Colonel Walker returned to flying the F-16 at Mountain Home AFB, ID and was subsequently selected to attend Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS where he earned a Master of Military Art and Science in Strategy. At the conclusion of Army Command and General Staff College, Colonel Walker was selected to attend the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies where he earned a Master of Military Art and Science in Theater Operations.

In June 2008, Colonel Walker was assigned as the director of operations, 6th Combat Training Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV. In March 2009, he assumed command of the 549th Combat Training Squadron, at Nellis AFB.

In March 2010, he joined the newly formed Afghanistan-Pakistan Hands program as a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Commander and commanded PRT Laghman, Forward Operating Base (FOB) Mehtar Lam, Afghanistan. Colonel Walker has over 2,500 hours of flying time and served as an operational instructor pilot in the F-16 and Harrier GR7 and as a flight evaluator in the F-16. He has flown combat operations in support of OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and served as a ground commander in OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Awards and Decorations

Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Air Medal (2 OLC), Aerial Achievement Medal, NATO Campaign Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Korean Defense Service Medal. Also recognized as the 2005 12th Air Force Field Grade Officer of the Year as well as a 2006-2007 Research Grant Recipient, United States Air Force Academy Institute for National Security Studies