



# Biography

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Lt Col Bob McDonnell is the Standardization and Evaluation Officer for Southwest Region, Civil Air Patrol.

Bob has been very active in Texas Wing since 1996. During this period, he has held the position of Wing Stan/Eval twice. He has been an Instructor Pilot for the Texas Wing Cadet Flight Academy since 1998, and the Texas Wing project officer for the Flight Academy since 2003.

Bob is a 20-year USAF veteran who flew over 5000 hours in the T-37, T-38, A-7 and F-16. He served as both a Squadron Operations Officer and a Squadron Commander. As a USAF staff officer, he held the positions of Chief Wing Training, Chief Wing Flight Safety, Chief Wing Stan/Eval and Assistant Wing Inspector General. He additionally served on the 7<sup>th</sup> Air Force Staff as Chief of Combat Operations for Korea and the 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force Staff as Director of Current and Combat Operations. His highest Air Force award is the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Bob currently flies for Delta/Northwest Airlines on the A-330 Airbus. He has flown over 10,000 hours with TWA, Northwest and now Delta Airlines.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Coe College in Iowa, and a MBA from Webster University. He has taught both Aircraft Accident Investigation and Aviation History for Embry Riddle University.

Bob has owned several tail draggers, and is passionate about all aviation and its history. He finds the Civil Air Patrol an excellent outlet to pass on this passion to the next generation of pilots and leaders.