



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL WILLIAM E. HANSON **Retired: 1 July 2004**

Colonel William E. Hanson is the Professor of Aerospace Studies for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 675, The University of Oklahoma.

Colonel Hanson is a 1976 graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He graduated from pilot training at Vance AFB, OK in 1977, and went on to B-52 training, where he earned distinguished graduate honors, the first of an unbroken string of distinguished graduate honors in every formal training course he ever attended. He has served with distinction in a variety of flying assignments, with duty as an instructor, evaluator and flight test pilot.

He has served in a many key staff positions performing duties ranging from analysis, planning, policy formulation, to diplomacy; his significant projects range from writing the first tactics manual for the B-1B to producing the first post-cold war nuclear weapons employment guidance. He also served as the Joint Chiefs of Staff Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, where he was the senior military advisor to the US delegation that successfully concluded the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. He was the JCS representative on a variety of negotiations to control nuclear weapons and fissile material in the Former Soviet Union, and was part of the Helsinki Presidential Summit, which produced the historic "START-III" agreement. Prior to coming to the University of Oklahoma, Colonel Hanson served as Chief, Long Range Plans Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for producing the Air Force Strategic Plan.



Colonel Hanson is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flight hours in the B-52 and B-1.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

EDUCATION:

1976 Bachelor of Science in History, U.S. Air Force Academy
1985 Master of Science in Operation Research, AF Institute of Technology
1994 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College
1997 Fellow, Seminar XXI: Foreign Policy and the National Interest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology