

ROLF C. ENGER, Colonel, USAF, Retired



Colonel (Ret) Rolf C. Enger, PhD, is the Director of Education, United States Air Force Academy, CO (USAFA).

Dr. Enger entered the Air Force in 1972, upon graduation from St. Olaf College and successful completion of the Air Force ROTC program. From 1972 through 1976 he served as a Minuteman Missile Launch officer with the 44th Strategic Missile Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. While at Ellsworth, he served as missile crew commander, deputy commander, and missile combat crew instructor. Since departing Ellsworth in 1976, Dr. Enger has completed two Air Force Institute of Technology advanced degree programs, Squadron Officer School and Armed Forces Staff College in residence, served for two years in the Academy's Directorate of Education as the Director of Faculty Development for the Dean of the Faculty, and served for two years as Professor and Head, Department of Physics.

Dr. Enger is married to the former Lois Renee Wolf; they have two children--Tiffany and Holly.

EDUCATION

1972 Bachelor of Arts in Physics and Physics Education, Summa Cum Laude, St. Olaf College
1977 Master of Science in Engineering Physics, Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Institute of Technology
1983 Doctor of Philosophy in Laser Physics/Holography, University of Minnesota

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1972 - October 1972, Missile Launch Officer trainee, ATC Missile Launch Officer and SAC Combat Crew Operational Training Courses, Vandenberg AFB, CA.
2. October 1972 - June 1976, Missile Launch Officer, 44th Strategic Missile Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD.
3. June 1976 - December 1977, graduate student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH.
4. December 1977 - July 1979, Instructor of Physics, Department of Physics, USAFA.
5. July 1979 - September 1979, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
6. September 1979 - September 1980, Instructor of Physics, Department of Physics, USAFA.
7. September 1980 - July 1983, graduate student, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
8. July 1983 - January 1987, Assistant Professor of Physics, Department of Physics, USAFA.
9. January 1987 - July 1987, student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.
10. July 1987 - July 1992, Tenure Associate Professor of Physics, Department of Physics, USAFA.
11. July 1992 - June 1994, Director, Center for Educational Excellence, Directorate of Education, USAFA.
12. June 1994 - June 1996, Professor and Head, Department of Physics, USAFA.
13. July 1996 - July 1999, Senior Military Professor, Department of Physics, USAFA.
14. July 1999 – present, Director of Education, USAFA.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

President, 1992 - 1993, Tenure Council, United States Air Force Academy
Chair, 1992 - 1998, Course and Instructor Critique Process Action Team
Chair, 1994 – 1998, Faculty Development and Educational Technology Subcommittee

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	1 Jul 1972	Major	1 Apr 1984
First Lieutenant	1 Jul 1974	Lieutenant Colonel	1 Jan 1989
Captain	1 Jul 1976	Colonel	1 Sep 1994
Retirement	1 Aug 2002		

(Current as of July 2006)