



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MICHAEL D. CURRY

Col Michael D. Curry serves as Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, where he leads 2,300 Airmen teaching 90 courses to over 16,000 students annually. As part of Air Education and Training Command's 19th Air Force, the wing performs a schoolhouse function producing mission-qualified aircrews for operational units flying CV-22B, HH-60G, UH-1N, and H/MC-130J aircraft; the wing conducts Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training—Helicopter utilizing the TH-1H at Ft Rucker, Alabama, and operates the USAF's Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape School at Fairchild AFB, Washington.

Col Curry grew up in Edon, Ohio, and received his commission through the United States Air Force Academy in 1998. He has spent the majority of his career in special operations assignments. Col Curry served throughout the world, conducting special operations in Africa, Iraq, and Afghanistan. A Command Pilot, he has logged more than 3,400 flying hours in the T-37, C-12, C-130E, MC-130E, MC-130H, C-208, PC-6, BE-200, CN-235, B-90, PAX-750XL, MX-7, and U-28A. Prior to his current position, the colonel was the Vice Commander of 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida.



#### EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science, General Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2004 Master of Science in Aerospace Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2010 Master of Public Administration, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

2011 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2011 Master of Philosophy in Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2016 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1998–May 1999, Wing Scheduling Officer, 4th Operational Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

2. May 1999–October 1999, Student, 84th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas

3. October 1999–November 2000, Student, VT-35, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas

4. November 2000–March 2005, MC-130E Pilot and Instructor Pilot, 8th Special Operation Squadron, Duke Field, Fla.

5. March 2005–September 2005, Wing Executive Officer & MC-130E Instructor Pilot, 16th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

6. September 2005–April 2009, Evaluator Pilot and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Special Operations Squadron

7. April 2009–July 2010, Aide-de-Camp to the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

8. July 2010–June 2011, Student, Mid-Career Master of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.

9. June 2011–June 2012, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

10. June 2012–June 2013, Operations Officer, Special Operations Squadron

11. June 2013–July 2015, Commander, Special Operations Squadron

12. July 2015–June 2016, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

13. June 2016–February 2017, Branch Chief, Levant and SOUTHCOM, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. February 2017–April 2018, Senior Executive Assistant, Director for Operations, J3, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
15. April 2018–July 2018, Division Chief, Strategy, Plans and Policy, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2018–July 2020, Vice Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
17. July 2020–Present, Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

June 2016–February 2017, Branch Chief, Levant and SOUTHCOM, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.  
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#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot  
Flight Hours: more than 3,400 hours  
Aircraft Flown: T-37, C-12, C-130E, MC-130E, MC-130H, C-208, PC-6, BE-200, CN-235, B-90, PAX-750XL, MX-7 and U-28A

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Medal with twelve oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Graduate with Military Distinction USAF Academy, 1998  
Airlift Tanker Association Young Leadership Award, 2005

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS**

Second Lieutenant May 1998  
First Lieutenant May 2000  
Captain May 2002  
Major December 2007  
Lieutenant Colonel December 2011  
Colonel April 2018

(Current as of August 2020)