



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MICHAEL D. CURRY

Colonel Michael D. Curry is the Vice Commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida. He is responsible to the 1 SOW Commander for preparing Air Force special operations forces for missions worldwide in support of Army, Navy, Marine and allied special operations forces and USAF counterparts. The wing's mission includes infiltration, resupply, air refueling and precision fire support, employing over 80 fixed and vertical lift aircraft including the AC-130U, AC-130J, MC-130H, CV-22B, U-28A and PC-12. These capabilities support a variety of special operations missions including direct action, unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, personnel recovery, counterterrorism, psychological operations and information operations.

Colonel 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. Colonel Curry served throughout the world, conducting special operations in Africa, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Most recently he served in the Deputy Directorate for Special Operations in the Pentagon. A Command Pilot, he has logged more than 3,400 flying hours in the T-37, C-12, C-130E, MC-130E, C-208, PC-6, BE-200, CN-235, B-90, PAX-750XL, MX-7, and PC-12.



### EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, General Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2004 Masters of Science in Aerospace Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence)
- 2010 Masters of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA
- 2010 Air War College (by correspondence)
- 2011 Masters of Philosophy in Military Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University
- 2016 Masters of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, National Defense University

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1998 – April 1999, Wing Scheduling Officer, 4th Operational Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina
2. April 1999 – October 1999, Student, 84th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. October 1999 – June 2000, student, VT-35, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas
4. June 2000 – March 2005, MC-130E Pilot and Instructor Pilot, 8th Special Operation Squadron, Duke Field, Florida
5. March 2005 – September 2005, Wing Executive Officer and MC-130E Instructor Pilot, 16th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida
6. September 2005 – April 2009, Evaluator Pilot and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Special Operations Squadron
7. April 2009 – June 2010, Aide-de-Camp, SecAF, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, DC
8. June 2010 – June 2011, Student, Mid-Career Masters of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

9. July 2011 – June 2012, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
10. June 2012 – June 2013, Operations Officer, Special Operations Squadron
11. June 2013 – June 2015, Commander, Special Operations Squadron
12. August 2015 – June 2016, Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, DC
13. June 2016 – February 2017, Branch Chief, Levant and SOUTHCOM, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, The Pentagon, Washington, DC
14. February 2017 – February 2018, Senior Executive Assistant, Director for Operations, J3, Joint Staff, The Pentagon, Washington DC
15. February 2018 – June 2018, Division Chief, Strategy, Plans and Policy, Deputy Director of Special Operations, J-37, Joint Staff, The Pentagon, Washington, DC
16. July 2018 - Present, Vice Commander, 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida

**SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSISGNMENTS**

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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, C-208, PC-6, BE-200, CN-235, B-90, PAX-750XL, MX-7, PC-12

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal

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

**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 July 2018)