



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DAVID A. BROOKS

Col. David A. Brooks serves as the 127th Wing Vice Commander, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan. The 127th Wing's more than 1,700 Citizen-Airmen provide agile, worldwide Air Refueling for Air Mobility Command with eight assigned KC-135 Stratotankers and lethal Close Air Support and Combat Search and Rescue for Air Combat Command with 18 assigned A-10 Thunderbolt IIs. The wing maintains the largest and most complex Air National Guard facility and airfield in the nation while supporting more than 40 tenant organizations. Colonel Brooks ensures base programs, personnel, and policies directly support, enhance, and enable the wing to continually optimize and leverage combat ready capabilities. Colonel Brooks has more than eight years of command experience in the Air Force Nuclear Enterprise at the squadron and group level.

Colonel Brooks is a 1990 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy where he majored in computer science. He earned his master's degree in Public Administration from Valdosta State University. After completing nearly 10 years of active duty service in 1999, he joined the Michigan Air National Guard as a full-time technician.

The colonel is a Command Pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours. His flying experience includes combat and combat support missions in the European theater during the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, highlighted by airlift relief missions to Sarajevo and high-altitude airdrop missions over greater Bosnia-Herzegovina. Colonel Brooks has multiple deployments to southwest Asia where he also flew combat and combat support missions in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2009, Colonel Brooks served as an expeditionary squadron commander for the 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; ensuring the offload of more than 18 million pounds of fuel to 185 receiver aircraft directly engaged in contingency and combat operations. Prior to assuming his current position Colonel Brooks was Commander of the 127th Air Refueling Group at Selfridge ANG Base, Michigan.



EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1996 Master of Public Administration, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Ga.
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2007 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2012 U.S. Air Force Advanced Nuclear Concepts Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1990–March 1992, Student, undergraduate pilot training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas and Little Rock AFB, Ark.
2. March 1992–August 1994, Assistant Flight Commander/C-130E Pilot, 37th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Rhein-Main AB, Germany
3. August 1994–August 1996, Wing Scheduler/C-130E Aircraft Commander, 52nd Airlift Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
4. August 1996–December 1996, Student, Pilot Instructor Training, 558th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas
5. December 1996–December 1999, Assistant Flight Commander/T-37 Instructor Pilot, 8th FTS/71st Operations Support Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
6. December 1999–August 2005, Chief of Current Operations/C-130 Instructor Pilot, 171st AS, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
7. August 2005–January 2006, Chief of Weapons and Tactics/C-130 Instructor Pilot, 191st OSS, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
8. August 2006–April 2008, Director of Operations/C-130 Evaluator Pilot, 171st AS, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.

9. April 2008–April 2011, Commander, 171st Air Refueling Squadron, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
10. April 2011–September 2016, Commander, 127th Air Refueling Group, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
11. October 2016–Present, Vice Wing Commander, 127th Wing, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 5,000

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130E, KC-135R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

2nd Lieutenant May 30, 1990

1st Lieutenant May 30, 1992

Captain May 30, 1994

Major February 17, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel March 16, 2005

Colonel January 5, 2012