



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL B. PARKS

Col. Michael B. Parks is the Commander, 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. The wing is equipped with eight C-130H3 cargo aircraft that support joint service and multi-national airlift missions in the United States and around the world. The wing is comprised of nearly 2,000 personnel, and includes a headquarters element, three groups and 13 squadrons. Additionally, Colonel Parks has command responsibility for the entire installation serving as host for over 12,000 tenant personnel and 13 tenant units, including 22nd Air Force, Air Force Plant 6 and Lockheed-Martin, the Georgia Army and Air National Guard and the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve.

Col. Parks was commissioned following his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. His previous assignments include pilot duties in the C-5A/B, C-37A, KC-135R/T, and KC-46A, and staff service at the Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, and the Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for International Affairs. He is a graduate of Air Mobility Command's leadership development crossflow program PHOENIX REACH. Prior to this assignment, Col. Parks was the Commander, 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.



Col. Parks is a command pilot, having logged over 3,500 hours in airlift, tanker, and distinguished visitor support aircraft.

EDUCATION

1997 Bachelor of Science, Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2008 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2011 Master of Science, Strategic Intelligence, National Defense Intelligence College, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1993–May 1997, Cadet, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2. August 1997–September 1998, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. February 1999–May 2002, Chief of Safety and Chief Executive Officer, 9th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
4. May 2002–August 2003, 436th Operations Group Pilot Training Manager, 436th Operations Support Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.
5. August 2003–August 2005, Chief, Wing Current Ops, 65th Airlift Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
6. August 2005–August 2007, Chief, PACAF OSA Stan/Eval Programs, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
7. August 2007–June 2008, Assistant Director of Operations, 93d Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
8. June 2008–April 2009, OPLAN 8010 Alert Force Manager and Chief, Plans and Exercises, 92d Operations Group, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
9. April 2009–June 2010, Senior Executive Officer, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
10. August 2010–July 2011, Student, National Defense Intelligence College, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
11. August 2011–October 2012, Australia and New Zealand Country Director, Pacific Division, Deputy Under

- Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, HQ Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. November 2012–May 2013, South Asia and Oceania Branch Chief, Pacific Division, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, HQ Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
 13. June 2013–June 2014, Chief of Safety, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
 14. June 2014–July 2016, Commander, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom
 15. July 2016–June 2018, Chief, Current Operations Branch and Deputy Chief, Operations and Plans Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
 16. July 2018–June 2019, Chief, Air Mobility Division, 603d Air Operations Center, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
 17. July 2019–October 2020, Vice Commander, 916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
 18. November 2020–July 2023, Commander, 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
 19. July 2023-present, Commander, 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins ARB, Ga.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,500

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-1A, C-5A/B, C-37A, KC-135R/T, and KC-46A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 'N' device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1997

First Lieutenant May 28, 1999

Captain May 28, 2001

Major Jan. 1, 2007

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2012

Colonel Sept. 1, 2018

(Current as of August 2023)