



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MITCHELL D. RICHARDSON

Col. Mitchell Richardson is the vice commander of the 512th Airlift Wing, an Air Force Reserve Command associate wing located at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The 1,750-person organization supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17A Globemaster III aircraft.

Col. Richardson entered the Air Force in May 1991 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Vance AFB, Okla. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he served as a C-12F pilot, C-21A instructor pilot and chief of squadron scheduling. He then moved on to Charleston AFB, S.C., where he was a C-141B aircraft commander and later cross trained to the C-17A. He left active duty in March 2001 and was assigned to the Air Force Reserve at Charleston AFB, S.C., as a C-17A instructor pilot and flight commander, assistant chief pilot and assistant operations officer. In June 2010, he deployed to Germany and South Africa as a staff officer with U.S. Africa Command. He was selected to command the 89th Airlift Squadron through its conversion to the C-17A in 2011 and then served as deputy operations group commander. He previously served as the commander of the 954th Reserve Support Squadron and served as Chief, United States Transportation Command Deployment Distribution Operations Center, Scott AFB, Ill.

He has logged over 700 combat hours participating in operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He is a command pilot with more than 6,000 military flying hours. In his civilian capacity, he is employed as a first officer with a major airline.



EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Science in Management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1996 Master of Aeronautical Sciences, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2009 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.
- 2011 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2013 Reserve Component National Security Course, Washington D.C.
- 2013 Naval Joint Maritime Operations Course, Newport, R.I.
- 2015 Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
- 2015 Master of Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1991 – November 1992, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
2. December 1992 – May 1994, C-12F Pilot, 47th Airlift Flight, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. June 1994 – March 1996, C-21 Instructor and Chief of Pilot Scheduling, 47th Airlift Flight, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. April 1996 – November 1997, C-141 Aircraft Commander, 15th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
5. December 1997 – March 2001, C-17 Aircraft Commander, Wing Airspace Manager, 437th Operations Support

Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.

6. April 2001 – December 2010, C-17 Instructor and Flight Commander, Assistant Chief Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, 317th AS, Charleston AFB, S.C. (July 2010 – October 2010, Staff Officer, Germany and Africa bases)

7. January 2011 – August 2011, C-17 Initial Cadre Evaluator Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, 89th AS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

8. September 2011 – April 2014, Commander, 89th AS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

9. May 2014 – June 2014, Deputy Operations Group Commander, 445th Operations Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

10. July 2014 – June 2015, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

11. July 2015 – January 2017, Commander, 954th RSS, Joint Transportation Reserve Unit; and Chief, USTRANSCOM Deployment Distribution Operations Center, Scott AFB, Ill.

12. February 2017 – Present, Vice Commander, 512th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2015 – January 2017, Chief, USTRANSCOM Deployment Distribution Operations Center, Scott AFB, Ill., as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Military Flight Hours: 6,000+

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-12, C-21, C-141, C-17, DC-8, B-727, B-747, B-757, B-767

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

AF Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

AF Longevity Service with four oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 'M' Device

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

AF Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1991

First Lieutenant May 29, 1993

Captain May 29, 1995

Major May 6, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel, May 6, 2009

Colonel, April 1, 2015

(Current as of Jan 2017)