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COLONEL SEAN W. MCCURDY

Colonel Sean W. McCurdy is currently serving as the commander of the 22d Operations Group at McConnell AFB, Kansas. As commander, he is directly responsible for the employment of 18 KC-135 Stratotanker and 22 KC-46 Pegasus aircraft through four local squadrons and one Total Force Integrated geographically separated squadron at Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire. The mission of the 22d Operations Group includes in-flight refueling, global reach airlift, strategic support of conventional and non-conventional operations, as well as execution of U.S. Strategic Command Operations requirements for the Air Force, Department of Defense and allied nations worldwide.

Colonel McCurdy earned his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 2003. Upon graduation, he attended Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, where he trained in the T-37 and T-1 aircraft and went on to a KC-135R assignment at the 91st Air Refueling Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He has maintained qualifications as an instructor, and evaluator pilot, and has multiple deployments in support of ongoing operations in North Africa, Central and Southwest Asia as an aircrew member. Additionally, he has had multiple operational and deployed assignments at the Squadron, Group, Wing, MAJCOM, and Joint levels. In 2013, Colonel McCurdy was selected for Air Mobility Command's PHOENIX MOBILITY Leadership Development program, where he became a Contingency Response Officer versed in rapid mobility airbase-opening operations in support of both combat and foreign humanitarian assistance operations. Colonel McCurdy went on to command the 435th Contingency Response Squadron, a unit that supports USAFE-AFAFRICA's expeditionary airfields on demand mission through crisis action planning, deployment execution, airfield assessments, aircraft maintenance, and mobile aerial port operations. Most recently, Colonel McCurdy was the Senior Executive Officer to the Commander, Eighteenth Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.



Colonel McCurdy is a senior pilot with over 2,800 flight hours and has flown combat sorties during OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and UNIFIED PROTECTOR. Additionally, he has multiple contingency response deployments in support of both USTRANSCOM and USAFRICOM operations.

EDUCATION

- 2003 Bachelor of Science, Management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2011 Masters of Science degree, National Security Studies, American Military University
- 2017 Masters of Arts, Operational Arts and Sciences, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2022 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL (Non-Residence/Distance Learning)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 03 – December 04, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, MS.
2. December 04 – May 05, Student, KC-135 Copilot Initial Qualification Training, Altus Air Force Base, OK.





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3. May 05 – August 06, Pilot, 91 Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, FL.
4. August 06 – January 08, Pilot, Training Flight Officer, 91 Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, FL.
5. January 08 – January 09, Assistant Flight Commander, 91 Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, FL.
6. January 09 – July 09, Flight Commander, 91 Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, FL.
7. July 09 – June 10, Assistant Chief of Standardizations/Evaluations, 91 Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, FL.
8. June 10 – July 11, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 100 Operations Support Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
9. July 11 – June 12, Executive Officer, 100 Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
10. June 12 – May 13, Deputy Chief of Inspector General Inspections, 100 Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
11. May 13 – June 14, Assistant Director of Operations, 571 Global Mobility Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA.
12. June 14 – June 15, Director of Operations, 571 Global Mobility Readiness Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA.
13. June 15 – July 16, Wing Executive Officer, 621 Contingency Response Wing, Travis Air Force Base, CA.
14. July 16 – July 17, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.
15. July 17 – June 18, Chief, Russian Activities Branch, HQ USAFE-AFAFRICA, Ramstein Airbase, Germany
16. June 18 – May 19, Chief, European Plans Branch, HQ USAFE-AFAFRICA, Ramstein Airbase, Germany
17. May 19 – July 21, Commander, 435 Contingency Response Squadron, Ramstein Airbase, Germany
18. July 21 – July 22, Deputy Division Chief, HQ AMC Command Readiness, Scott Air Force Base, IL.
19. July 22 – July 23, Senior Executive Officer to the Commander, 18 AF, Scott Air Force Base, IL.
20. July 23 – July 25, Chief of JFAC EVALS, NATO Headquarters Allied Air Command, Ramstein Airbase, Germany
21. July 25 – Present, Commander, 22d Operations Group, McConnell AFB, KS.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 23 – July 25, Chief of JFAC EVALS, NATO Headquarters Allied Air Command, Ramstein Airbase, Germany, as a Colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: More than 2800

Primary aircraft flown: T-37B, T-1A, KC-135R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
United Nations Medal
Non-Article 5 NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 2003

First Lieutenant May 28, 2005

Captain May 28, 2007

Major August 1, 2013





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Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2018

Colonel July 1, 2024

(Current as of July 2025)

