



Biography

437th Airlift Wing (AMC)

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COLONEL PAUL A. CURLETT



Colonel Paul A. Curlett is the Commander, 437th Operations Group, Air Mobility Command, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina. In this position, Colonel Curlett is responsible for the combat readiness of four C-17A squadrons and an operations support squadron. The 437th Operations Group was the first group to receive the C-17A Globemaster III in 1993. Additionally, the 437th Operations Group provides more than 40 percent of the Department of Defense's all-weather airdrop force.

Prior to assuming command of the 437th Operations Group, Colonel Curlett served as Air Mobility Command, Division Chief, Operational Plans and Programs, Directorate of Plans and Programs. During his Air Force career, he has also served as a deputy support group commander, squadron commander, and deployed provisional squadron commander. His first assignment was as an enlisted security policeman at MacDill AFB FL.

Colonel Curlett received his commission from Officer Training School and, after completing Undergraduate Pilot training, was assigned to fly the C-12 in Alaska. He then transitioned to the C-141 at McGuire AFB NJ, where he served in various positions at squadron, wing and Numbered Air Force levels. Colonel Curlett has completed staff tours at HQ MAC, AF/XOR, and USTRANSCOM J-8. He commanded the 517th Airlift Squadron, a C-130 squadron in Alaska, and is a graduate of Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Colonel Curlett is married to the former Janice Moody from Parkside PA and he has three children: Brian, Tracee, and Brittnee.

EDUCATION:

- 1978 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, University of Tampa, FL
- 1983 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 1989 Master's degree in management, University of La Verne, CA
- 2002 Master of Arts Degree, National Strategic Studies, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 1977 – January 1980, Security Policemen, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
2. January 1980 - May 1980, Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, TX
3. June 1980 – April 1981, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, OK
4. May 1981 – June 1984, C-12 Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, Chief, Safety and Training, and Command Flight Examiner 5021st Tactical Operations Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK
5. June 1984- January 1988, C-141 Instructor/Air Refueling instructor 18th Military Airlift Squadron, Assistant Wing Executive Officer and 21st Air Force Operations Controller, McGuire Air Force Base, NJ

6. January 1988 – Jun 1992, Deputy Director AMC Protocol and Action Officer MAC/XPP, Scott Air Force Base, Ill
7. July 1992 - May 1994, Strategic Airlift Program Manager and Executive Officer to AF/XOR, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
8. June 1996 - May 1998, Operations Officer 40th Airlift Squadron Dyess Air Force Base, TX and two time 4410th Airlift Squadron Provisional, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
9. June 1998 – May 2000, Commander, 517th Airlift Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK
10. June 2000 - June 2001, Chief of Programs Division, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL
11. July 2001 – June 2002, Student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle PA
12. July 2002 – Nov 2003, AF Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance Reconnaissance Center Liaison to Air Mobility Command and AF Communications Agency, Scott Air Force Base, IL
13. Nov 2003 – May 2004, Chief, Operational Plans and Programming Division, Directorate of Plans and Programs, Air Mobility Command.
14. Presently: Commander, 437th Operations Group, Charleston AFB, SC

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight Hours: More than 4,000
 Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-12, C-141, C-130 and C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Aerial Achievement Medal
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Apr 23, 1980
First Lieutenant	May 23, 1982
Captain	May 23, 1984
Major	Mar 1, 1992
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 1997
Colonel	Oct 1, 2002

(Current as of May 2004)