



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## Colonel David A. Brooks

Colonel David Brooks serves as Commander of the 127<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Group at Selfridge ANGB, Michigan. He is assigned to the Michigan Air National Guard as a full time technician and is responsible for sustained flying and maintenance operations for eight KC-135 aircraft.

Colonel Brooks is a 1990 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy where he majored in computer science. During his nearly ten years of active duty service, he held assignments at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, and Moody AFB, Georgia, flying the C-130E. In addition, Col. Brooks completed a tour as a T-37 Instructor Pilot at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, prior to separating from active duty. Since leaving active duty in late 1999, he has been assigned full time to the Michigan ANG. Prior to his current assignment, Col Brooks has served the Michigan Air National Guard in several capacities including Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Current Operations, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Director of Operations, and Squadron Commander.



Col. Brooks holds the rating of Command Pilot with over 4600 total flying hours. His flying experience incorporates combat and combat support missions in the European theater during the Bosnia conflict, highlighted by airlift relief missions to Sarajevo and high-altitude airdrop missions over greater Bosnia. Col. Brooks has multiple deployments to southwest Asia, during which he flew combat and combat support missions in Afghanistan and Iraq. He also served as a contingency squadron commander for the 90<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron during a unit deployment to Incirlik AB, Turkey.

## EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
- 1996 Master of Public Administration degree, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA
- 1997 Squadron Officer School, Air University
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College, via correspondence
- 2007 Air War College, via correspondence

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 1990 – Mar 1992, Student Pilot, Laughlin AFB, TX & Little Rock AFB, AR
2. Mar 1992 – Aug 1994, Asst Flt Cmdr/C-130E Pilot, 37<sup>th</sup> TAS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany
3. Aug 1994 – Aug 1996, Wing Scheduler/C-130E Aircraft Cmdr, 52<sup>nd</sup> ALS, Moody AFB, GA
4. Aug 1996 – Dec 1996, Pilot Instructor Training Student, Randolph AFB, TX
5. Dec 1996 – Dec 1999, Asst Flt Cmdr/T-37 Instr Pilot, 8<sup>th</sup> FTS & 71<sup>st</sup> OSF, Vance AFB, OK
6. Dec 1999 – Aug 2005, Current Operations/C-130 Instr Pilot, 171<sup>st</sup> AS, Selfridge ANGB, MI
7. Aug 2005 – Jan 2006, Chief of Tactics/C-130 Instr Pilot, 191<sup>st</sup> OSF, Selfridge ANGB, MI
8. Aug 2006 – Apr 2008, Dir of Operations/C-130 Eval Pilot, 171<sup>st</sup> AS, Selfridge ANGB, MI
9. Apr 2008 – Apr 2011, Squadron Commander, 171<sup>st</sup> ARS, Selfridge ANGB, MI
10. Apr 2011 – Present, Group Commander, 127<sup>th</sup> ARG, Selfridge ANGB, MI

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 4600

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

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal, 2 devices

Air Medal, 2 devices

Aerial Achievement Medal, 4 devices

Air Force Commendation Medal, 3 devices

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt            30 May 1990

1<sup>st</sup> Lt            30 May 1992

Capt            30 May 1994

Maj             17 Feb 2000

Lt Col          16 Mar 2005

Colonel        05 Jan 2012

## **CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT**

Jan 2000 – Present, Air National Guard Technician, Selfridge ANGB, MI

(Current as of June 2012)