



COLONEL DOUGLAS A. PERRY, JR.

Col Douglas A. Perry is the Commander of the 445th Airlift Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He leads three groups with 12 squadrons with an inventory of nine C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. He is responsible for the operations, training, and equipping of more than 1,700 Airmen and a \$65M budget with a mission to deliver mission ready combat forces across the spectrum of military operations. The wing projects and sustains the movement of high priority personnel and cargo. Missions range from aeromedical evacuation and staging operations to global strategic and tactical airlift. The wing also provides full mission support to the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing.

Col Perry first entered the Air Force enlisting in the Indiana Air National Guard, 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in February 1990 as an Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist. Following technical training he served as a traditional guardsman until 1997. Col Perry was then selected to attend Officer Training School followed by Undergraduate Pilot Training, making the transfer to the Air Force Reserve, 72nd Air Refueling Squadron, 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom ARB, Indiana. After graduating from Officer Training School, earning his commission, he then attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin AFB, Texas. Prior to his current position, Col Perry was the Commander, 434th Operations Group, Grissom ARB, Indiana.

Col Perry has served in a variety of capacities at the squadron, group, and wing level throughout his career. He transitioned to full-time as an Air Reserve Technician in June 2000. He has deployed as aircrew and staff numerous times in support of operations across multiple domains in the Indo Pacific Region, USCENTCOM, and the USEURCOM Areas of Responsibility. Col Perry is a command pilot with over 4,900 total hours in the T-37, T-1A, KC-135R/T and the C-17A.

EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
- 2004 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course, USAF Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2012 Aircraft Accident Investigation, NTSB Training Center, Ashburn, Va.
- 2014 AFRC Explosives Safety Orientation Course
- 2019 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2022 DAF CI2 Senior Leader Course, Air University
- 2023 Master of Science, Transformational Leadership, University of Maryland Global Campus, Md.
- 2023 AMC Nuclear Leadership Course, AMC Nuclear Operations Division
- 2025 Mobility Commanders Tactics Course, Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center, St. Joseph, Mo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Feb 1990 – Jun 1997, Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist, 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, Fort Wayne, Ind.
2. Jan 1998 - Jan 1999, Student Pilot, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. Jan 1999 – May 1999, KC-135R copilot initial qualification, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB, Okla.
4. Jul 1997 - Jun 2000, Pilot, 72nd Air Refueling Squadron, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.
5. Jul 2000 - Jul 2003, Stan/Eval, 434th Operations Group, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.
6. Aug 2003 - Mar 2007, Assistant Chief of Training, 434th Operations Support Squadron, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.
7. Apr 2007 - May 2010, Assistant Chief Pilot, 72nd Air Refueling Squadron, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind
8. Jun 2010 - Mar 2011, Chief, Current Operations, 434th Operations Support Squadron, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.
9. Apr 2011 - Jul 2015, Chief of Safety, 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.
10. Aug 2015 - May 2018, Chief of Mission Development, 434th Operations Support Squadron
11. Jun 2018 - Mar 2022, Commander, 434th Operations Support Squadron, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.
12. Mar 2022 - May 2024, Commander, 434th Operations Group, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.
- 13 May 2024 - Present, Commander, 445th Airlift Wing, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio



Second Lieutenant
September 30, 1997



First Lieutenant
September 30, 1999



Captain
September 13, 2001



Major
October 08, 2007



Lieutenant Colonel
October 08, 2014



Colonel
March 01, 2022



FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: more than 4,900

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-1A, KC-135R/T, C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with one service star

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with one service star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with one service star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ Gold Border and four oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with six 'M' Devices and Gold Service Device

NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Honor Graduate, Aircraft Armament Systems Technical School

Distinguished Graduate, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training

Flying Training Award, Air Education and Training Command

AETC Commanders Trophy, Air Education and Training Command

Distinguished Graduate, KC-135 Initial Qualification

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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(Current as of Aug 2025)

