



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRISTOPHER E. K. CURRY

Lt. Col. Christopher E. K. Curry is the Commander of the 496th Air Base Squadron, and U.S. Forces Commander, Morón Air Base, Spain. As an honored guest of Spain, he serves in numerous roles, from U.S. Installation Commander to senior airfield authority, base operations support-integrator, information system owner, and military advisor to the U.S.-Spain Permanent Committee. Through the 496 ABS, he commands a total force of approximately 600 military, civilian, and contract personnel from across 35 career fields who support the 725th Air Mobility Squadron, Detachment 1, and operate, maintain, and enable the Morón power-projection platform. As the senior U.S. representative at the air base, Lt. Col. Curry partners closely with his hosts at the Spanish Air and Space Force's 11th Wing, as well as the Second Air Deployment Support Squadron and the Second Emergency Intervention Battalion, while coordinating often with local Spanish agencies and government officials.

Lt. Col. Curry received his commission in 2007 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of California at Los Angeles and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is a Foreign Area Officer and a senior pilot with over 2,600 hours in the T-6A, TC-12B, C-130E/H, MC-12W, PC-12, U-28A, and most recently, the C-12C/D, with more than 1,300 combat and combat support hours.



Prior to his current position, Lt. Col. Curry was the Assistant Air Attaché and the C-12 Director of Operations for the Defense Attaché Office, U.S. Embassy, Bogotá, Colombia. He has served in units throughout Air Mobility Command, Air Combat Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, and U.S. Air Forces in Europe, and has deployed in support of Operations including NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, INHERENT RESOLVE, and others.

EDUCATION

- 2007 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, University of California at Santa Barbara, California
- 2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2013 Master of Arts, Diplomacy, Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont
- 2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2019 Regional Security Studies Certificate (Western Hemisphere), Naval Postgraduate School, California
- 2019 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2019 Foreign Area Officer Fellowship, U.S. Southern Command and Monterey, California
- 2020 Associate of Arts, Spanish, Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California
- 2020 Joint Military Attaché School, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, District of Columbia
- 2023 USAFE-AFAFRICA Squadron Leadership Course, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
- 2023 Leader Development Course for Squadron Command, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2007 – May 2008, Assistant Scheduler, 49th Operations Support Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
2. May 2008 – May 2009, T-6A Student Pilot, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Mississippi
3. May 2009 – January 2010, TC-12 Student Pilot, Undergraduate Pilot Training, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas
4. January 2010 – August 2010, C-130E Student Pilot, Distinguished Graduate, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas
5. August 2010 – December 2013, C-130E/H Pilot, 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas
(June 2012 – August 2012, Senior Scout Pilot, with duty at 169th Expeditionary Intelligence Squadron, South America)
(February 2013 – September 2013, MC-12W Pilot, Assistant Flight Commander, and Guardian Angel Liaison, Combined Air Operations Center and 361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, Central and Southwest Asia)
6. December 2013 – October 2014, PC-12/U-28A Student Pilot, Distinguished Graduate, 318th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M. and 19th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida.
7. October 2014 – August 2017, U-28A/PC-12 Aircraft Commander, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Flight Commander (with duty at 43rd Intelligence Squadron, ACC), Chief of Current Operations, and Assistant Operations Officer (ADO), 318th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
8. August 2017 – July 2019, IDE Student, Foreign Area Officer Fellowship, including SOUTHCOM in-region training, the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Defense Language Institute, 311th Training Squadron, Presidio of Monterey, California
9. July 2019 – September 2020, Student, Defense Language Institute-Washington and Joint Military Attaché School, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
10. September 2020 – June 2023, United States Assistant Air Attaché, C-12 Director of Operations, and Instructor Pilot, Defense Attaché Office, United States Embassy, Bogotá, Colombia
11. June 2023 – Present, Commander, 496th Air Base Squadron, Morón Air Base, Spain

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: senior pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,600

Aircraft flown: T-6A, TC-12B, C-130E/H, MC-12W, PC-12, U-28A, C-12C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Distinguished - Presidential Unit Citation

Meritorious Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Recognition Ribbon

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one service star

Iraq Campaign Medal with one service star

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with two service stars

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and two oak leaf clusters

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one service star

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant July 9, 2007

First Lieutenant July 9, 2009

Captain July 9, 2011

Major June 1, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2022

(Current as of June 2023)