



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL PARKIN C. "GAGE" BRYSON

Col Parkin C. Bryson is the Vice Wing Commander of the 316th Wing at Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Maryland. The 316th Wing is the host wing for Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, providing security, personnel, contracting, finance, and infrastructure support for five wings, two headquarters, and more than 80 tenant organizations, as well as 60,000 Airmen and families in the National Capital Region and around the world. The 316th Wing supports contingency operations in our nation's capital with immediate-response rotary-wing assets. It also provides security for the world's highest visibility flight line.

Col Bryson began his career at the USAF Academy, receiving his commission in 2000. During his career he held various operational and staff assignments in the UH-1N, T6-B, and HH-60G. Prior to his current assignment, Col Bryson was the Chief of the National Military Command System Operations Division.

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Science, Biology, US Air Force Academy, Colorado

2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

2008 USAF Flight Safety Officer School, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

2010 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, by correspondence

2011 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida

2018 Master of Military Science, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania



ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2001 – June 2001, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 37th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Mississippi

2. July 2001 – February 2002, Undergraduate Pilot Training-Helicopter, Fort Rucker, Alabama

3. March 2002 – September 2002, UH-1N Mission Pilot Qualification, 512th Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

4. October 2002 – July 2005, UH-1N Instructor Pilot and Chief of Tactics, 76th Rescue Flight, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California

5. August 2005 – January 2006, T-6B Pilot Instructor Training, 558th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

6. February 2006 – April 2009, T-6B Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, and Chief of Safety, 85th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

7. May 2009 – September 2009, HH-60G Transition Course, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

8. October 2009 – March 2013, HH-60G Instructor Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, 33rd Rescue Squadron and Director of Staff, 18th Operations Group, Kadena AFB Japan (Operations Officer, 83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan)

9. April 2013 – June 2013, UH-1N Instructor Pilot Re-Qualification, 512th Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

10. July 2013 – July 2014, Executive Officer and Chief of Flight Safety, 20 AF, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming

11. June 2014 – June 2015, Director of Operations, 37th Helicopter Squadron, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming
12. July 2016 – July 2018, Commander, 54th Helicopter Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota
13. August 2018 - June 2018, Deputy Division Chief, Capabilities Division, A-10, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2018 – July 2019, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
15. July 2019 – June 2020, Deputy Division Chief, National Military Command System Operations Division, J-36, Deputy Director for Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
16. June 2020 - March 2021, Executive Assistant to the Vice Director for Operations, VDJ-3, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
17. March 2021 – April 2022, Division Chief, National Military Command System Operations Division, J-36, Deputy Director for Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
18. April 2022 – Present, Vice Commander, 316th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, MD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with Valor Device and eight oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Combat Action Medal
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three bronze stars
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 'N' Device
NATO Medal (ISAF)

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight hours: 3,400 (330 Combat)
Aircraft flown: T-37, UH-1H/N, T-6B, HH-60G

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2000
First Lieutenant May 31, 2002
Captain May 31, 2004
Major March 1, 2010
Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 2015
Colonel September 1, 2021

(Current as of May 2022)