



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL GREGORY K. CYRUS

Colonel Gregory K. Cyrus is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 842, and Chairs the Department of Aerospace Studies, at the University of Texas at San Antonio. In this capacity, he is charged with recruiting, developing, and commissioning the next generation of Air Force leaders.

As a graduate of AFROTC at Texas Tech University, Colonel Cyrus commissioned into the Air Force in 1997 with a degree in Mathematics. He held numerous positions at the squadron, group, center, and branch chief levels. Colonel Cyrus previously served as the 621st Contingency Response Group Commander, the 821st Contingency Response Support Squadron Commander, the Deputy Air Mobility Division Chief in the 603d Air Operation Center, and as the Personnel Protection Branch Chief in the J-8 Directorate of the Joint Staff.



Colonel Cyrus is a Master Navigator with more than 2,200 flight hours in the C-130E/H, EC-130H, and T-43 aircraft. He has deployed in support of contingency operations as Chief of Safety, Assistant Director of Operations, Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Commander and Director of Mobility Forces. While deployed as the Director of Mobility Forces, Colonel Cyrus was forward deployed as the Joint Air Component Coordination Element to United States Forces Afghanistan-Forward and as the Commander of Air Forces Forces-Forward at Hamid Karzai International Airport for OPERATION ALLIES REFUGE.

EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 1997 Asia-Pacific Rim Studies, Air Force Institute of Technology, Lubbock, TX
- 1999 Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Pensacola NAS, FL and Randolph AFB, TX
- 1999 Distinguished Graduate, C-130 Navigator Basic Qualification, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 2001 Distinguished Graduate C-130 Instructor Navigator Course, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 2002 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 Distinguished Graduate, C-130 Navigator Mission Qualification, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 2008 Masters of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, TX
- 2011 Masters of Operational Military Arts & Sciences, Air Command & Staff College, AL
- 2017 Joint Combined Warfighting School, National Defense University, Norfolk, VA
- 2019 Distinguished Graduate, Masters of Strategic Studies, Army War College, Carlisle, PA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jun 97 – Jan 98 Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Lubbock, TX
2. Jan 98 – Aug 99 Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Pensacola NAS, FL and Randolph AFB, TX
3. Aug 99 – Apr 03 EC-130H Chief of Safety, Instructor Navigator, and Chief Compass Call Navigator Group Standardizations and Evaluation, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
4. Apr 03 – Aug 06 T-43 Evaluator Navigator, Flight Commander, and Assistant Director of Operations, Randolph AFB, TX
5. Aug 06 – Jul 10 C-130H Chief Navigator, Chief Plans and Programs, Dyess AFB, TX
6. Jul 10 – Jun 11 Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. Jul 11 – May 14 Personnel Protection Branch Chief, J-8, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
8. Jul 14 – Jun 15 Director of Operations, 573d Global Support Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
9. Jun 15 – Jun 17 Commander, 821st Contingency Response Support Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
10. Aug 17 – Jun 18 Deputy Division Chief, 603 Air Operation Center, Ramstein AB, Germany
11. Jun 18 – Jun 19 Student, Army War College, Carlisle Barrack, PA
12. Jun 19 – Jun 22 Commander, 621st Contingency Response Group, JB MDL, NJ
13. Jun 22 – Jun 23 Director, Exercises and Inspections, USAFEC, JB MDL, NJ
14. Jul 23 – Present Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp Detachment 842, San Antonio, TX

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

- Jul 11 – May 14 Personnel Protection Branch Chief, Force Protection Division, J-8, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator
Flight Hours: 2,210
Aircraft flown: C-130E/H, T-43A, EC-130H, T-1A, and T-34C

MAJOR AWARD AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit
Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Navy Achievement Medal
Gallant Unit Citation
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 1997
First Lieutenant May 1999
Captain May 2001
Major Feb 2007
Lieutenant Colonel May 2012
Colonel Oct 2018
(Current as of Jul 2023)