



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ANDREW J. STEWART

Colonel Andrew J. Stewart serves as the Commander of the Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force (CAP-USAF) at Maxwell AFB, AL. In this capacity, he is the Department of the Air Force's senior officer responsible for program management, oversight, and operational integration of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the congressionally chartered auxiliary of the Air Force and official Total Force partner. Colonel Stewart commands a dispersed nationwide team of military and civilian personnel across eight geographic liaison regions dedicated to providing program oversight of approximately 70,000 CAP volunteer members, 1,400 units, and the world's largest single-engine fleet of over 550 light aircraft across the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and select overseas installations. Additionally, Colonel Stewart ensures the readiness of this volunteer force to execute Air Force Assigned Missions and its three congressionally mandated programs of Emergency Services, Cadet Programs, and Aerospace Education.



A native of New Jersey, Colonel Stewart began his career by enlisting in the Air Force in April 1998. Following Basic Military Training and Aerospace Maintenance technical school, he served as a B-52H Crew Chief at Barksdale AFB, LA. While serving at Barksdale, he was awarded an Air Force commissioning scholarship through the Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program (ASCP), which enabled him to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL while he pursued his commission through AFROTC Detachment 157. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and went on to complete Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, OK.

Colonel Stewart is a command pilot who has flown 3,475 hours in the T-37B, T-1A, C-17A, KC-135R/T and CAP Light Aircraft. He was a C-17A Formal Training Unit Instructor and has flown Global Contingency, Presidential, and Humanitarian/Disaster Relief airlift and air refueling operations including 708 combat hours in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Throughout his career, Colonel Stewart held several notable leadership positions, including Deputy Commander of the 97th Mission Support Group, Deputy Commander of the 97th Operations Group, Inspector General of the 97th Air Mobility Wing, 6th Airlift Squadron Operations Officer, and Air Refueling Branch Chief at the 618th Air Operations Center. He also served as the HAF/A1 Rated Force Policy Branch Chief at the Pentagon, where he was responsible for drafting Air Force-level Rated Force policy and oversaw pay and retention incentives for over 20,000 rated officers. Colonel Stewart's previous commands include the 305th Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ, and the 97th Force Support Squadron at Altus AFB, OK.

EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Science degree, Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

2011 Master of Science degree, Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Apr 1998 - Aug 2001, B-52H Crew Chief, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
2. Oct 2003 - Oct 2004, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training student, Vance AFB, OK
3. Oct 2005 - Apr 2009, C-17A Aircraft Commander and Executive Officer, 6th AS, McGuire AFB, NJ
4. Apr 2009 - Feb 2013, C-17A Instructor Pilot, 535th AS and Chief, 15th Wing Command Post, JBPH-H, HI
5. Jul 2013 - Aug 2015, KC-135R/T Aircraft Commander, 906th ARS, 375 Air Wing, Scott AFB, IL
6. Aug 2013 - Mar 2018, Branch Chief, New Requirements Air Refueling , 618th AOC (TACC), Scott AFB, IL
7. Jun 2018 - Apr 2019, C-17A Instructor Pilot, Operations Officer, 6th AS, JBM-D-L, NJ
8. Apr 2019 - Jul 2019, 305th AMW Inspector General, JBM-D-L, NJ
9. Jul 2019 - Jul 2020, Commander, 305th Maintenance Squadron, JBM-D-L, NJ
10. Aug 2020 - Sep 2022, Headquarters Air Force, A1 Rated Force Policy Branch Chief, Pentagon
11. Sep 2022 - Nov 2022, Deputy Commander, 97th Mission Support Group
12. Nov 2022 - Jul 2023, Commander, 97th Force Support Squadron, Altus AFB, OK
13. Jul 2023 - Oct 2023 Inspector General, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB, OK
14. Oct 2023 - Jul 2023, Deputy Commander, 97th Operations Group, Altus AFB, OK
15. Jul 2024 - Apr 2026 Present, Deputy Commander, Civil Air Patrol-U.S. Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
16. Apr 2026 - Present Commander, Civil Air Patrol-U.S. Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot **Flight hours:** 3,475 **Combat hours:** 708

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-1A, C-17A, KC-135R/T, and C-182

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC)
Air Medal (2 OLC)
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal (1 OLC)
Meritorious Unit Award (2 OLC)
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award (6 OLC)
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal (1 Service Star)
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (2 OLC)
Air and Space Training Ribbon (1 OLC)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman Basic - 22 Apr 1998
Airman - 22 Oct 1998
Airman First Class - 22 Aug 1999
Senior Airman - 22 Oct 2000
Second Lieutenant - 10 May 2003
First Lieutenant - 10 May 2005
Captain - 10 May 2007
Major - 1 Apr 2013
Lieutenant Colonel - 1 Feb 2018
Colonel - 1 Oct 2024

(Current as of April 2026)