

THE AIR FORCE SONG

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,

Climbing high into the sun;

Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,

At 'em now, Give 'em the gun! give em the gun!

Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,

Off with one helluva roar!

We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!

Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!



U.S. AIR FORCE

CHANGE OF COMMAND

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
WILLIAM D. HARWELL IV

&

COLONEL
ROBERT K. BRADY



CRTC
AUDITORIUM
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
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1:00 P.M.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM D. HARWELL, IV.

Lt. Col. William D. Harwell IV serves as Commander, at Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC), Gulfport, MS. The CRTC is a Joint National Training Center that facilitates career field training, and conferences, while also offering ranges, equipment, and

support for regionalized Joint Combat Air Force training exercises, and warfighter conferences. The missions is to host wing level training, and provide facilities for the Mississippi National Guard and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency during national disasters.

He joined the 186th Air Refueling Wing, Mississippi Air National Guard, March 2003. Commissioned through the Academy of Military Science November 2003 and graduated Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, April 2006 where he earned the Commander's Trophy.

Lt. Col Harwell served as the Operating Authority for the Camp Shelby Air Gunnery Range, known as "Rattlesnake Range", where he led the transformation of a legacy bombing range into a state-of-the-art precision-guided munitions training complex. Supporting both 4th and 5th generation fighter and attack aircraft.

Lt. Col. Harwell also serves as a board member for the CRTC's Airspace, Range, Air Combat Training and Electronic Warfare Councils. Previously, he held the role of Airspace and Ranges Chair for the Weapons and Tactics Council. Before undertaking his current roll, Lt. Col. Harwell served as the Director of Operations at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Trent Lott National Guard Complex, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Lt. Col. Harwell and his wife, Melissa and three sons, Gavin, Garret and Garner reside in Gulfport, Mississippi .



COLONEL ROBERT K. BRADY

Col. Robert K. Brady is the Commander, of the 186th Operations Group, Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi. Col. Brady enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard on July 11, 1992. He attended Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, with follow-on training at Sheppard Air Force Base,

and Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. After completion of training, he was assigned to the 186th Medical Group as a Medical Service Technician.

After serving as an enlisted traditional guardsman for several years, Col. Brady was commissioned through the Academy of Military Science on April 20, 2001. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, followed by KC-135R Initial Qualification Training at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Following flight training, Col. Brady was assigned to the 153rd Air Refueling Squadron as a KC-135R copilot.

Prior to his current assignment, Col. Brady served in numerous capacities to include: Aircrew/Flight Scheduling Officer, Aircrew Standards and Evaluations Liaison Officer, Aircrew Standards and Evaluations Chief, Executive Officer, Director of Operations and Maintenance Group Commander. He is a Command Pilot with over 3400 hours in multiple aircraft including the T-37B, T-1A, MC-12W, C-27J and KC-135R.

Col. Brady has participated in numerous operations worldwide, performing both aircrew and staff duties. These operations include Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve, Iraqi Freedom, and Noble Eagle. Most recently, he served as the Commander, 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam, in 2019.

Col. Brady and his wife, Melissa reside in Collinsville, Mississippi and have two children, their daughter, Raegan and son, Luke.



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