



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

375th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs Office, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5004

COLONEL ROBERT W. BARRIER

Colonel Robert W. Barrier is the Vice Wing Commander, 375th Airlift Wing, Air Mobility Command's Showcase Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The wing makes Global Mobility Happen worldwide in partnership with U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, headquartered here. The wing provides Operational Support Airlift throughout the continental United States with a fleet of 50 C-21 aircraft located here, and at four different geographically separated units. The wing's motto, "Help From Above," signifies the critical capability provided by the unit's aeromedical evacuation forces. The 375th Airlift Wing also makes Global Mobility Happen by deploying to expeditionary locations worldwide and providing the aeromedical evacuation capability for all joint military casualties, combat lift for the combatant commander's highest priority-people and cargo, and expeditionary combat support forces-to ensure United States national interests wherever needed.

Colonel Barrier was commissioned in June 1976 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps, Florida State University. He graduated from Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather Air Force Base, Calif. in February 1978. His initial operational assignment was to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, where he flew KC-135 worldwide air refueling missions in support of Strategic Air Command's Single Integrated Operation Plan alert mission. Rapidly upgrading as Instructor, Standardization/Evaluation and Training Flight Navigator, he was selected for instructor duty at the Combat Crew Training School, followed by the command's elite Central Flight Instructor Course, Castle Air Force Base, Calif. After attending Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Colonel Barrier served at the Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, first as Chief, Tanker Assignments Section, then as the Chief, Airlift, Tanker and Helicopter Assignments Branch. Returning to flying duties, he was selected as Operations Officer, then Commander of the 906th Air Refueling Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, N.D. His next tour was at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. where he served as Chief, Officer Assignments Branch, Air Mobility Command; Chief, Programs Division, United States Transportation Command; Chief, Assignments Division; Chief, Personnel Force Management Division; Deputy Director of Personnel, Air Mobility Command and most recently as Director of Personnel, Manpower and Administration, United States Southern Command, Miami, Florida.



EDUCATION:

- 1995** Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (seminar)
- 1989** Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (residence and correspondence)
- 1982** Masters of Business Administration and Management, Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.
- 1981** Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1976** Bachelor of Science, Business Administration and Management, Florida State University, Fla.

ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. June 1977 – Feb. 1978**, Undergraduate Navigator Training, 323rd Flying Training Wing, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
- 2. March 1978 – June 1978**, KC-135 Initial Qualification Training, 4017th Combat Crew Training School, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.

3. **July 1978 – December 1983**, KC-135 Navigator/ Instructor/ Standardization/ Evaluation/ Training Flight Instructor Navigator, 917th Air Refueling Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.
4. **January 1984 - July 1988**, KC-135 CCTS/CFIC Instructor, 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
5. **August 1988 - May 1989**, Air Command and Staff College Student, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
6. **June 1989 – August 1992**, Chief, Tanker Assignments Sec/Chief, Tanker/ Airlift/ Helicopter Assignments Branch, Headquarters Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.
7. **September 1992 - June 1993**, Operations Officer, 906th Air Refueling Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
8. **July 1993 - December 1993**, Commander, 906th Air Refueling Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
9. **January 1994 - June 1994**, Commander, 43rd Operations Group, Det-1, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
10. **July 1994 - June 1996**, Chief, Officer Assignments, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
11. **July 1996 - April 1997**, Programs Officer, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
12. **May 1997 - May 1998**, Chief, Programs Division, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
13. **June 1998 - December 2000**, Chief, Assignments Division, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
14. **January 2001 - June 2001**, Chief, Personnel Force Management Division, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
15. **June 2001 – November 2001**, Deputy Director of Personnel, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
16. **November 2001 – July 2004**, Director of Personnel, Manpower and Administration, United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla.
17. **July 2004 – September 2004**, Inspector General and Director of Staff, 375th Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
18. **September 2004 - Present**, Vice Commander, 375th Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: 3,200+

Aircraft flown: KC-135R, KC-135A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 1976

First Lieutenant December 1978

Captain December 1980

Major May 1988

Lieutenant Colonel April 1993

Colonel March 1999

(Current as of September 2004)