



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL MARK W. WRIGHT

Colonel Mark W. Wright is the Commander of the 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group (ISRG), 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, Terre Haute, Indiana. As the Commander of the 181<sup>st</sup> ISR Group, he is responsible for providing qualified, trained, and proficient intelligence operators to support the Distributed Ground Station-Indiana (DGS) combatant commander tasked mission set as well as state mission requirements as directed by the Governor of the State of Indiana.



Colonel Wright began his military career with the United States Air Force in January of 1990 when he enlisted in the Indiana Air National Guard as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician Crew Chief on F-4E and F-16C fighter aircraft. In June of 1999 he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant after graduating from the Academy of Military Science. After attending the Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Colonel Wright was assigned to the 181<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Squadron, 181<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Group, 181<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing. In December of 2000, he was selected as the Commander of the 181<sup>st</sup> Logistics Support Flight. During this period, Colonel Wright participated in OPERATION's NORTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. In 2006, he was selected to be the commander of the 181<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Squadron, 181<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Group. As the commander he supervised over 225 maintenance personnel and associated aircraft equipment valued at over 77 million dollars. During this period, Colonel Wright deployed as part of an Aerospace Expeditionary Force for a Pacific-Rim deployment to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. In November of 2008 Colonel Wright cross-trained into the Intelligence Officer Career field and became part of the 137<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Distributed Ground Station-IN (DGS-IN). In October of 2019 Colonel Wright took command of the 181<sup>st</sup> ISR Group. In his current position he is responsible for over 380 intelligence personnel trained in the processing, exploitation, and dissemination of mission critical intelligence data utilized by warfighters on a daily basis.

### EDUCATION

1990 Air Force Basic Military training Lackland AFB, TX  
1990 Air Force Aircraft Maintenance Technician Course, Sheppard AFB, TX  
1993 Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN  
1999 Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Knoxville, TN  
2000 Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course (AMOC Accelerated) Sheppard AFB, TX  
2000 Air National Guard Squadron/Flight Commander Course, Savannah CRTC, GA  
2002 Air Force Aircraft Mishap Course, Kirtland AFB, NM  
2005 Squadron Officer School (Correspondence)  
2011 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)  
2015 Air National Guard Commander Development Course, Joint Base Andrews, Washington, DC  
2016 Student, Air War College (Correspondence)

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1990 – June 1999; 181<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Group, F-4E/F-16C Crew Chief, IN ANG
2. June 1999 – Dec 2000; 181<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Squadron, OIC, Equipment Maintenance Branch, IN ANG
3. Dec 2000 – Feb 2002; 181<sup>st</sup> Logistics Support Flight, Commander, IN ANG
4. March 2002 – June 2006; 181<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Operations Flight, Commander, IN ANG
5. June 2006 – June 2009; 181<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Squadron, Commander, IN ANG
6. May 2008 – Nov 2008; Intelligence Officer Course, Student, Goodfellow AFB, TX

7. Nov 2008 – Dec 2015; 137<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Assistant Director of Operations, IN ANG
8. Jan 2016 – June 2016; 181<sup>st</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Director of Operations, DGS-IN, IN ANG
9. June 2016 – October 2019; 137<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Commander, DGS-IN, IN ANG
10. October 2019 – Present: Commander, 181<sup>st</sup> Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 181IW, IN ANG

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding unit award with 1 device  
Combat Readiness Medal  
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 4 devices  
National Defense Service Medal with 1 device  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 1 device  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	18 Jun 1999
First Lieutenant	18 Jun 2001
Captain	27 Jul 2003
Major	12 Aug 2007
Lieutenant Colonel	06 Nov 2011
Colonel	06 Oct 2019

(Current as of June 2022)