



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CHRISTOPHER R. ALDERDICE

Colonel Christopher R. Alderdice is the Commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Indiana. Colonel Alderdice assumed command of the 181st Intelligence Wing on 4 February 2017. He is responsible for more than 900 military and civilian personnel who execute a broad spectrum of missions involving Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Air Support Operations, CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package, and Agile Combat Support.

Col. Alderdice enlisted in the Indiana Air National Guard in December of 1980 as an Aircraft Ordnance Systems Mechanic and loaded ordnance on F-4C aircraft. In 1985, he received his commission as a second lieutenant through the Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Knoxville, Tennessee after graduating from Tri-State University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. Col. Alderdice received the aeronautical rating of Navigator in July 1986 and flew as a Weapons System Officer in the F-4D and the F-4E. He received the aeronautical rating of Pilot in April 1991 and has flown the T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-4E, and F-16C. He deployed to Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait in 1997 and flew in support of Operation Southern Watch. In 2000, Col. Alderdice was the 163rd Fighter Squadron Commander when he deployed and led the squadron to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, once again, in support of Operation Southern Watch. He returned to maintenance in January of 2001 where he served as the Maintenance Operations Flight and Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander. He was selected as the Maintenance Group Commander in 2005. In 2006, he served as the Commander of the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Balad Air Base, Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He returned to Fort Wayne and served as Maintenance Group Commander for a total of eight years.



Prior to his selection as Wing Commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing, Col. Alderdice served as the Mission Support Group Commander for the 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base, Fort Wayne, Indiana from May 2013

EDUCATION

- 1981 Basic Military Training, Joint Base San Antonio Lackland, San Antonio, Texas
- 1985 Bachelor's of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering, Tri-State University, Angola, Ind.
- 1985 Academy of Military Science, McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 1994 Squadron Officer's School, by correspondence
- 2002 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2007 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1980, Enlisted Aircraft Ordnance Systems Mechanic, 122nd CAMRON, Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Fort Wayne, Ind.
2. November 1985, Undergraduate Navigator Training, T-43/T-37 aircraft, 323rd Flying Training Wing, Mather AFB, Calif.
3. January 1987, Weapons System Officer, F-4D/E, 163rd Fighter Squadron, Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
4. April 1990, Undergraduate Pilot Training, T-37/T-38 aircraft, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, Okla.
5. August 1991, Aircraft Commander, Instructor, SEFE F-4E and F-16C aircraft, 163rd Fighter Squadron Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
6. May 1995, Chief of Standardization Evaluation and Scheduling, 163rd Fighter Squadron, Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.

ASSIGNMENTS CON'T

7. May 1997, Assistant Operations Officer, 163rd Fighter Squadron Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
8. March 1999, Operations Officer, 163rd Fighter Squadron, Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
9. November 1999, Commander, 163rd Fighter Squadron, Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
10. January 2001, Commander, 122nd Logistics Support Flight, Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
11. August 2002, Commander, 122nd Aircraft Generation Squadron, Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
12. January 2005, Commander, 122nd Maintenance Group, Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
13. January 2006, Commander, 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Balad Air Base, Iraq
14. June 2006, Commander, 122nd Maintenance Group, Fort Wayne ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
15. May 2013, Commander, 122nd Mission Support Group, Fort Wayne, ANGB, Fort Wayne, Ind.
16. February 2017-Present, Commander, 181st Intelligence Wing, Hulman Field ANGB, Terre Haute, Ind.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Navigator, Senior Pilot
Flight Hours: 550+ hours Nav, 1,700+ hours PIC
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-4D, F-4E, F-16D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster and one bronze letter "V"
Combat Readiness Medal
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal with one star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short
Air Force Longevity Service Award with one silver oak leaf cluster and two bronze oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hour glass device
Air Force Training Ribbon

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Indiana Distinguished Service Medal
Indiana National Guard Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Indiana Long Service Medal with "30" device
Indiana Outside Continental United States Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters
Indiana Military Voluntary Emblem

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

National Guard Association of Indiana – Lifetime Member
National Guard Association of the United States – Lifetime Member
Red Cross: Board of Directors

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant December 19, 1985
First Lieutenant April 14, 1988
Captain July 5, 1991
Major December 8, 1996
Lieutenant Colonel February 20, 2003
Colonel February 2, 2010

(Current as of February 2017)