



## LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM D. "COACH" HARWELL IV

Lt Col William D. Harwell IV serves as interim Commander, Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) at the Trent Lott National Guard Training Complex, Gulfport, MS. The CRTC is a Joint National Training Center that hosts conferences, career field training and provides over land and water, airspace and ranges, facilities, equipment and instrumentation to facilitate regionalized Joint Combat Air Force training, exercises and hosts warfighter conferences. The mission is to host wing level training, and provide facilities for the Mississippi National Guard and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency during natural disasters.

Lt Col Harwell joined the 186th Air Refueling Wing, Mississippi Air National Guard in March 2004, after commissioning through the Academy of Military Science in October 2003. A Distinguished Graduate of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, he earned the Commander's Trophy. After serving briefly as a KC-135R pilot, he became Officer in Charge of Air Combat Training at the CRTC, transforming Gulfport into the Air National Guard's hub for Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation Systems. He also led the modernization of Camp Shelby's "Rattlesnake Range" into a precision-guided munitions training complex for 4th and 5th GEN aircraft. Lt Col Harwell's team developed a Live Mission Operations Capability (LMOC), establishing Gulfport CRTC as a regional Combat Air Force training center and the ANG's fifth Electronic Warfare Range. He serves on multiple councils related to airspace, training, and electronic warfare and previously chaired the Airspace and Ranges Council, securing NGREA funding for 23 fighter wings, 11 ranges, and four CRTCs. Concurrently, he serves as the Director of Operations at the Gulfport CRTC.



### EDUCATION

- 2003 Bachelor of Science, Commercial Aviation Flight Operations, Delta State University, Cleveland, Miss.
- 2004 Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Knoxville, Tenn.
- 2006 Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
- 2006 KC-135R Pilot Initial Qualification, Altus AFB, Okla.
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2013 Air Reserve Component Chief of Safety School, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
- 2013 Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
- 2015 Executive Master of Business Administration/Finance Concentration, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.
- 2017 Commercial Real Estate Development, Investment and Management Certificate, Cornell University, N.Y.
- 2022 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2004 – April 2005, Pilot Trainee, Student Flight, 186<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Key Field, Miss.
2. April 2005 – April 2006, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, 14<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.
3. May 2006 – November 2006, Student, KC-135R Pilot Initial Qualification, 55<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Altus AFB, Okla.





# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

4. November 2006 – December 2010, KC-135R Pilot, 153<sup>rd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Key Field, Miss.
5. January 2011 – August 2015, Officer in Charge, Air Combat Training Systems, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Miss.
6. September 2015 – April 2021, Camp Shelby Air Gunnery Range Operations Officer, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Miss.
7. May 2021 – December 2023, Camp Shelby Air Gunnery Range Commander, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Miss.
8. December 2023 – March 2025, Director of Operations, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Miss.
9. March 2025 – Present, Interim Commander, Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Miss.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Pilot

Flight hours: 650

Aircraft flown: T-37B, T-1A, KC-135R

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Longevity Service Award with four oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass device

Air and Space Training Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

Mississippi War Medal

Mississippi Service School Medal

Mississippi Longevity Medal

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2006 Commander's Trophy, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training

2006 Distinguished Graduate, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training

2006 Distinguished Graduate, KC-135R Pilot Initial Qualification Course

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Life Member of the National Guard Association of Mississippi

Life member of the Enlisted Association of National Guard of the United States

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant November 19, 2004

First Lieutenant November 19, 2006

Captain November 19, 2008

Major November 20, 2012

Lieutenant Colonel November 20, 2019

(Current as of March 2025)

