



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RICHARD E. PERRAUT, JR.



Selected for promotion to Brigadier General.

Colonel Richard E. Perraut, Jr., is vice commander, Fifteenth Air Force, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Fifteenth Air Force is responsible for approximately 50 percent of the Air Force's air mobility assets and mission with an area of operation spanning west from the Mississippi River to the east coast of Africa. It provides rapid and flexible Global Reach for America from six major Air Force bases in the United States, as well as 47 other locations throughout the Pacific. More than 71,000 people, including active and gained Reserve and National Guard personnel operate and support airlift, tanker and aeromedical aircraft as part of 15th Air Force.

Colonel Perraut, a native of Cynthiana, Ky., was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1977 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force

Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering mechanics. He has served in a variety of operational, staff and command positions. He held various positions on the Air Staff and the Joint Staff. He has commanded a flying squadron, a Support Group, and an Air Base Wing. His last assignment was the chief of the "Engine Room" (Program Integration Division, AF/XPPE) building the AF POM at the Pentagon.

EDUCATION:

- 1977 Bachelor of Science in engineering mechanics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1982 Squadron Officer School
- 1983 Master of Science in industry and technology, East Texas State Univ., Fort Worth, Texas
- 1984 Air Command and Staff College
- 1989 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 1994 Air War College
- 1994 Naval War College (distinguished graduate), Newport, R.I.
- 1994 Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jun 1977 - Aug 1978, student, undergraduate navigator training and navigator-bombardier training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. September 1978 - December 1983, B-52D/H navigator, instructor navigator, senior standardization/evaluation instructor navigator, student radar navigator, radar navigator, and instructor radar navigator, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.

3. December 1983 - January 1985, Air Staff Training (ASTRA), Comptroller of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
4. January 1985 - August 1988, radar navigator, wing executive officer, instructor radar navigator, training flight navigator section chief, B-52H standardization/evaluation branch chief, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
5. August 1988 - January 1989, ISS student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
6. January 1989 - May 1991, chief, aircraft programs, strategic forces division, Air Force Programs and Resources, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
7. May 1991 - August 1993, defense resources manager, program and budget analysis division, and executive officer to the director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment Directorate (J-8), Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. August 1993 - June 1994, SSS student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
9. June 1994 - May 1995, commander, 50th Airmanship Training Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
10. May 1995 - June 1996, deputy commander, 34th Training Group, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
11. June 1996 - July 1998, commander, 15th Support Group, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
12. August 1998 - September 1998, special assistant to the commander, Air Force Test and Development Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
13. October 1998 - Aug 2000, commander, 96th Air Base Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
14. August 2000- Apr 2001, division chief, combat support and analysis division, Air Force Programs and Resources, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
15. May 2001- Jul 2002, division chief, program integration division, Air Force Plans and Programs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. July 2002-Present, vice commander, Fifteenth Air Force, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: Over 3,100

Aircraft Flown: B-52H, B-52D, and T-43A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Military Leader of the Year Award from Crestview Chamber of Commerce, 2000

President's Award from Niceville Chamber of Commerce, 1999

AFMC's General Jerome F. O'Malley Award for Outstanding Wing Commander-Spouse Team, 1999

7th Bombardment Wing's Outstanding Bomber Crew of the Year, 1983

Outstanding Navigator-Bombardier Training Student Award (distinguished graduate), 1978

Outstanding NBT Simulator Training Award, 1978

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant - June 1, 1977

First Lieutenant - June 1, 1979
Captain - June 1, 1981
Major - March 1, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel - April 1, 1992
Colonel - October 1, 1996
Brigadier General – TBD

Current as of Sept. 24, 2002