



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL KIRK S. PIERCE

Maj. Gen. Kirk S. Pierce is the Deputy Director, Air National Guard, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. As Deputy Director, he assists the Air National Guard Director in formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, plans and programs affecting more than 106,700 Air National Guard members and civilians in more than 1,800 units throughout the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

General Pierce was commissioned in May 1988 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Notre Dame. He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing level. He has served and commanded in various operational assignments in support of operations Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Enduring Freedom. Prior to his current assignment, General Pierce served as the Deputy Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.



EDUCATION

- 1988 Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.
- 1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2007 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 National Security Leadership Course, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 2014 Seminar XXI, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for International Studies, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2016 Harvard University Senior Executives in National and International Security, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2017 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2018 Capstone General and Flag Officer Course, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.
- 2018 Combined Force Air Component Commanders Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
- 2018 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2019 Advanced Senior Leader Development Seminar, Warrenton, Va.
- 2019 Joint Flag Officer Warfighter Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1988–May 1989, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. May 1989–August 1989, Student, Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. September 1989–December 1992, T-38 Instructor Pilot and Asst. Flight Commander, 99th Flying Training Squadron, Williams AFB, Ariz.
4. December 1992–February 1995, Flight Commander, T-38 Instructor Pilot, 50th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
5. March 1995–January 1996, Student, F-16 Initial Qualification Training, 309th Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
6. January 1996–April 1998, Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Training, F-16 Instructor Pilot and Mission Commander, 79th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.

ASSIGNMENTS CONT.

7. May 1998–May 1999, Flight Commander, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Mission Commander, and Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Korea
8. May 1999–June 2001, Flight Commander, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Mission Commander, and Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, 138th Fighter Squadron, Hancock Field, N.Y.
9. June 2001–August 2006, Director of Operations, Chief of Current Operations, Operations Group Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Flight Commander, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Mission Commander, and Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, 121st Fighter Squadron, Andrews AFB, Md.
10. August 2006–June 2007, Student, National War College, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2007–June 2010, Commander, F-16 Instructor Pilot, Mission Commander, and Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, 121st Fighter Squadron, Andrews AFB, Md.
12. June 2010–October 2011, Commander, 113th Operations Group, JB Andrews, Md.; (January 2011–May 2011, Battle Director, Combined Air and Space Operations
13. October 2011–March 2012, Chief, Strategy and Analysis Division, Strategic Plans & Programs / Studies, Analyses, & Assessments, National Guard Bureau, JB Andrews, Md.
14. March 2012–June 2013, Director of Air, Space, and Cyber Operations, National Guard Bureau, JB Andrews, Md.
15. June 2013–June 2014, Senior Military Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy–Strategy and Force Development, The Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. June 2014–January 2015, Director of Plans and Programs, Strategic Plans & Programs / Studies, Analyses, & Assessments, National Guard Bureau, JB Andrews, Md.
17. January 2015–April 2016, Commander, 173rd Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field, Ore.
18. April 2016–April 2017, Director, Intelligence/Air, Space, & Information Operations/Communications, National Guard Bureau, JB Andrews, Md.
19. April 2017–October 2019, Mobilization Assistant to NORAD Director of Operations, Peterson AFB, Colo.
20. October 2019–Present, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, The Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2010–October 2011, Commander, 113th Operations Group, JB Andrews, Md.; (January 2011–May 2011, Battle Director, Combined Air and Space Operations, as a Colonel
2. June 2013–June 2014, Senior Military Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy - Strategy and Force Development, OSD(P)/SPF, The Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a Colonel
3. April 2017–October 2019, Mobilization Asst. to NORAD Dir. of Operations, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a Major General

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,700

Aircraft flown: T-38, AT-38, F16C/D/CJ, F-15C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Purple Heart

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with "V" device and three oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 14, 1988

First Lieutenant Oct. 29, 1990

Captain Oct. 29, 1992

Major Nov. 19, 1999

Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 20, 2005

Colonel June 16, 2010

Brigadier General April 3, 2016

Major General Jan. 15, 2019

(Current as of February 2020)