



BIOGRAPHY



AIR NATIONAL GUARD

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM J. CRISLER, JR.

Major General William J. Crisler serves as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air and as Commander, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. He is responsible to the Adjutant General for directing Air National Guard operations and establishing policy, ensuring the combat readiness and mission capability of two flying Wings, a Combat Readiness Training Center, Air Support Operations Squadron, Air Component Operations Center, Special Operations Civil Engineering Squadron and an Air Control Squadron.

General Crisler received his commission through Reserve Officer Training Corps in December 1978. Upon completion of his active duty commitment in August 1979, General Crisler joined the Mississippi Air National Guard. After graduating from Law School in 1982, he attended Navigator training at Mather Air Force Base. General Crisler has held numerous assignments throughout the 172d Airlift Wing and the Joint Forces Headquarters-Mississippi Air National Guard, commanding at the flight, squadron, group and wing levels.



Prior to this assignment, General Crisler served as the Chief of Staff of the Mississippi Air National Guard at Joint Forces Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi.

EDUCATION:

- 1978 Bachelor of Science Degree, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.
- 1982 Juris Doctorate, Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, Miss.
- 1991 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 1995 Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2002 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 DIRMOBFOR Course, Det. 1, USAF Expeditionary Center, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 2013 Joint Task Force Commanders Course, NORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Co
- 2013 Dual Status Commanders Course, NORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, Co

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 1979 - August 1979, Administrative Officer, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls Tex.
2. October 1979 – May 1982, Executive Support Staff, State Headquarters-MS ANG, Jackson, Miss.
3. May 1982 - June 1983, Navigator Training, Mather AFB, Calif.
4. June 1983 - August 1983, C130 Navigator Training, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas
5. August 1983 - June 1985, Navigator, C130H, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
6. June 1985 - April 1989, Command Post Controller, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
7. April 1989 - December 1990, Operations Management Officer, State Headquarters – MS ANG, Jackson, Miss.
8. December 1990 - January 1996, OIC, Command Post, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
9. January 1996 - March 1998, Commander, 172d Aerial Port Flight, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
10. March 1998 – February 2001, Commander, 172d Maintenance Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
11. February 2001 – October 2001, Commander, 172d Maintenance Group, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.

12. October 2001- October 2003, Commander, 172d Maintenance Squadron, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
13. October 2003 - July 2004, Commander, 172d Maintenance Group, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
14. July 2004 - March 2005, Director of Operations, Joint Forces Headquarters-MSANG, Jackson, Miss.
15. March 2005 – July 2010, Vice Wing Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
16. July 2010- December 2012, Wing Commander, 172d Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Miss.
17. January 2012 – February 2014, Chief of Staff, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters, Jackson, Miss.
18. February 2014 – present, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Mississippi Air National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters, Jackson, Miss.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Navigator & Private Pilot
Flight Hours: Approximately 900 hours
Aircraft Flown T-41, T-37, C-130E/H, C-141B, C-26

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with eleven oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award with seven oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1M device and Silver Hourglass
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship
Air Force Training Ribbon
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal
Mississippi Magnolia Cross
Mississippi War Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Mississippi Service School Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Mississippi Longevity Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Louisiana Emergency Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant, December 20, 1978
First Lieutenant, December 20, 1981
Captain, April 13, 1985
Major, February 22, 1991
Lieutenant Colonel, March 17, 1998
Colonel, February 2, 2004
Brigadier General, September 10, 2010
Major General, February 1, 2014