



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL JOHN F. PRICE, JR.

Col. John F. Price, Jr., is the commander of the 305th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. As commander, he is responsible for the wing's KC-10 Extender and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft that provide global mobility support for national security objectives, combat operations, contingencies and humanitarian relief efforts worldwide through aerial refueling and air-to-land capabilities. The 305th AMW is also responsible for two of the command's busiest aerial ports and ensures uninterrupted flow of forces and material in support of ongoing global operations. He is also responsible for managing all air operations at McGuire Field and Maxfield Runway.



Colonel Price is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served as Commander of the Bully Beef Express, 6th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base MDL, N.J.; Commander, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; and Chief, Distribution Capabilities Branch Logistics Directorate (J4), Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

Prior to assuming command of his current assignment, he served as vice commander of the 375th Air Mobility Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he assisted the commander in supporting services to 30 tenant units including U.S. Transportation Command, AMC, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 18th Air Force, Air Force Network Integration Center, Defense Information Systems Agency and Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization. Col. Price is a command pilot with more than 3,200 flight hours in the T-37, T-38, KC-135, C-17, and C-40 aircraft, including more than 630 combat hours during 150 combat missions in support of multiple operations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Haiti.

### EDUCATION

- 1993 Distinguished Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1999 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2002 Master of Arts in Management, Regent University, Virginia Beach, Va.
- 2002 Master of Arts in Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2005 Master of Science in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
- 2007 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2011 National Defense Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2012 Advanced Course in Logistics and Technology, University of North Carolina Kenan-

Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
2014 Doctorate of Strategic Leadership, Regent University, Virginia Beach, Va.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1993 - July 1995, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2. July 1995 - September 1996, Third Pilot, KC-135R, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
3. September 1996 - June 1998, Pilot, KC-135R, MacDill AFB, Fla.
4. June 1998 - June 2000, IP, KC-135R/Executive Officer, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
5. June 2000 - June 2002, Air Force Intern, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
6. June 2002 - June 2005, IP, C-17A, Assistant Director of Operations and Chief, Wing Commander's Action Group, McChord AFB, Wash.
7. July 2005 - June 2006, Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, Norfolk, Va.
8. July 2006 - June 2008, Strategic Planner, U.S. Pacific Command J5, Camp Smith, Hawaii
9. July 2008 - June 2010, Commander, 6th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., and Commander, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
10. July 2010 - June 2011, National Defense Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.
11. July 2011 - July 2012, Chief, Distribution Capabilities Branch, Logistics Directorate (J4), Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
12. July 2012 – July 2014, Vice Commander, 375th Air Mobility Wing, Scott AFB, Ill. and Deputy Director of Mobility Forces, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
13. July 2014 – Present, Commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base MDL, N.J.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,200

Aircraft Flown: KC-135, C-17, C-40 T-37B, and T-38A

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Military Officers' Association Campaign Planner Award, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, 2006

Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award winner, 2000

Air Mobility Command Company Grade Officer of the Year, 1999

Commandant's Trophy, #1 Graduate Class 99-B, Squadron Officer School, 1999

Defense Meritorious Service Medal, one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal, three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal, three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal, two oak leaf clusters

Joint Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      June 2, 1993

First Lieutenant        June 2, 1995

Captain                    June 2, 1997

Major                      Aug. 1, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel     Sept. 1, 2007

Colonel                    June 1, 2012

*(Current as of July 2014)*