



UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

Biography

Major General Brandon D. Parker **J3 Director, Global Operations** **USSTRATCOM**

Maj. Gen. Brandon D. Parker is the Director of Global Operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. As Director, he serves as the Principal Advisor to the USSTRATCOM Commander on nuclear operations and is responsible for the day-to-day readiness of U.S. nuclear command and control and strategic deterrent forces. He is also responsible for synchronizing component, joint, and coalition operations and directing assigned forces to achieve USSTRATCOM and national objectives.

Maj. Gen. Parker is a 1996 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. Prior to becoming Director, he served as the Director of Air and Cyberspace Operations of Pacific Air Forces. Maj. Gen. Parker commanded the 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas and served as Vice Commander of the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. He also commanded the 23rd Bomb Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. Maj. Gen. Parker also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air Command and Staff College, and he served as a National Defense Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Maj. Gen. Parker is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in bomber aircraft and more than 380 combat hours.



EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Psychology, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
2003 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2004 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev., and Barksdale AFB, La.
2007 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
2008 Master of Military Art & Science, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2009 Master of Airpower Art & Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2010 Joint Forces Staff College, Joint Professional Military Education II, Norfolk, Va.
2012 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2015 National Defense Fellow, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

2021 Combined Joint Force Land Component Course, Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1997–February 1998, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2. March 1998–September 1998, Student, B-52 Initial Qualification Training, Barksdale AFB, La.
3. October 1998–July 2004, Standardization/Evaluation Pilot, Short Range Flight Scheduler, Weapons and Tactics Instructor Pilot, and Standardization/Evaluation Flight Commander, 23rd Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
4. August 2004–July 2006, Formal Training Unit Weapons Officer, Flight Commander, 11th BS, Barksdale AFB, La.
5. August 2006–July 2007, Assistant Director of Operations, 2nd Operations Support Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
6. August 2007–June 2008, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. July 2008–May 2009, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. June 2009–April 2011, Joint Plans Officer/Strategist, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command/J5, Offutt AFB, Neb.
9. May 2011–July 2012, Assistant Executive Officer to the Air Force Chief of Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. August 2012–June 2014, Commander, 23rd BS, Minot AFB, N.D.
11. July 2014–June 2015, Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
12. July 2015–July 2017, Vice Commander, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.
13. August 2017–June 2019, Commander, 7th BW, Dyess AFB, Texas
14. July 2019–April 2021, Director, Air Force Colonels Management Office, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. May 2021–June 2022, Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Union III, Iraq
16. July 2022–Jan 2024, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
17. February 2024–June 2024, Director of Air and Cyberspace Operations, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii
18. July 2024-present, Director of Global Operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009–April 2011, Joint Plans Officer/Strategist, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command/J5, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., as a lieutenant colonel
2. May 2021–June 2022, Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, Union III, Iraq, as a brigadier general
3. July 2024-present, Director of Global Operations, Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: 3,006

Aircraft flown: B-1B, B-52H, T-37B and T-38A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

(Current as of July 2024)