

BRIGADIER GENERAL IAN J.M. GILLIS

Chief of Staff – Air, Maine

Brig. Gen. Ian J.M. Gillis is the Chief of Staff for the Maine Air National Guard. He serves as the primary advisor to The Adjutant General on all programs, strategic planning, and operations affecting the Maine Air National Guard. He is responsible for the mission readiness and operational effectiveness of over 1100 military and civilian personnel serving at three locations within Maine. General Gillis oversees the development of forces in support of national defense requirements, and emergency response and recovery operations throughout Maine.



General Gillis joined the Maine National Guard in 1988 and graduated from the Academy of Military Science earning his commission in 1992. As Director of Training for the 101st Operational Support Squadron, he was a recognized Air Mobility expert in KC-135 Training and established the ANG Tanker Training Advisory Council. In 2013, General Gillis became the Chief of Wing Plans and was integral in developing the Tanker Nuclear Action Council. He has over 20 Operational Deployments as a pilot and staff officer. Prior to his current assignment, the General was the Wing Commander, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Air National Guard Base, Bangor Maine.

EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, University of Maine, Orono
1998 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
2003 Air Command Staff College, by correspondence
2004 Masters of Science in Business Administration and Management, Husson College, Bangor, Maine
2011 Air War College, by correspondence
2012 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, in residence
2018 Commander's Development Course, National Guard Bureau, in residence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1992 – July 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
2. July 1993 – April 1994, Student, KC 135R Combat Crew Training School, Castel AFB, Calif.
3. April 1994 – April 1998, KC-135E Pilot B-FLT and Aircraft Commander, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
4. April 1998 – February 1999, KC-135 Co-Pilot C-FLT and Tanker Taskforce Planner, 101st Operations Support Flight, Bangor ANGB, Maine
5. February 1999 – May 2004, Training Flight Instructor Pilot, 101st Operations Support Flight, Bangor ANGB, Maine

6. May 2004 – September 2006, Chief of Training, 101st Operations Support Flight, Bangor ANGB, Maine
7. September 2006 – November 2013, Director of Training, 101st Operations Support Flight, Bangor ANGB, Maine
8. November 2013 – July 2015, Chief of Wing Plans, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor ANGB, Maine
9. July 2015 – November 2016, Inspector General, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor ANGB, Maine
10. November 2016 – April 2018, Chief of Wing Plans, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor ANGB, Maine
11. April 2018 – April 2019, Director of Operations, Maine ANG Joint Force Head Quarters, Maine
12. April 2019 – August 2020, Commander, 101st Maintenance Group, Bangor ANGB, Maine
13. August 2020 – November 2021, Vice Wing Commander, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor ANGB, Maine
14. November 2021 – November 2023, Wing Commander, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor ANGB, Maine
15. November 2023 – March 2024, Director of Operations, Maine ANG Joint Force Headquarters, Maine
16. March 2024 – August 2024, Retired Reserve
17. August 2024 – Present, Chief of Staff / Commander of the Maine ANG, Maine ANG Joint Force Headquarters, Maine

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,600

Military aircraft flown: CS KC-135, KC-10A, KC-135E, KC-135R, KC-135T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 9, 1992

First Lieutenant May 15, 1994

Captain May 15, 1996

Major May 24, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 19, 2006

Colonel May 15, 2018

Brigadier General March 31, 2024

(Current as of November 2024)

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