



Biography

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BRIGADIER GENERAL MATTHEW A. BOURASSA

Brigadier General Matthew A. Bourassa is the Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Joint Force Headquarters-Maine Air National Guard, Augusta, Maine. He assists the Wing Commander in ensuring the readiness and employment of 1100 Airmen assigned to the Maine Air National Guard and is directly responsible for the full spectrum of command, discipline, training, and morale issues of a ten aircraft KC-135 air refueling wing. He ensures the Wing, and all subordinate units are combat ready at all times to support USSTRATCOM War Order Plans, air refueling for Higher Headquarters directed taskings, ANG training and operational requirements, and all Northeast Tanker Task Force Coronet and air bridge refueling for the Department of Defense.

Brig Gen Bourassa received his commission in 1989 from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Maine. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese AFB, TX in 1991 with follow on assignments with the 2nd Airborne Command and Control and 45th Reconnaissance Squadrons, Offutt AFB, NE. He flew as a T-1A Instructor pilot with the Joint Undergraduate Naval Flight Officer Training unit, VT-10, Pensacola, Florida. Brig Gen Bourassa joined the Maine Air National Guard in 2002, serving as a traditional Guardsman flying the KC-135E with the 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor Air National Guard Base. He transitioned to full-time duty with the 132nd Air Refueling Squadron in 2009. He was appointed Vice Commander of the 101st Air Refueling Wing in April 2018.



Prior to his current assignment, Brig Gen Bourassa served as the Wing Commander, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor, Maine.

Brig Gen Bourassa is a command pilot with more than 7000 combined flying hours in the T-37, T-38, T-1A, EC/OC/TC/WC -135 and KC -135A/E/R/T aircraft.

EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, University of Maine, Orono
1994 Master of Business Administration, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
1996 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2024 General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1990 - January 1991, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, TX
2. January 1991 - January 1994, Pilot EC/KC-135, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, NE

3. February 1994 - May 1995, Instructor Pilot T37, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, NE
4. May 1995 - March 1996, Aircraft Commander WC/OC-135/T37 Flight Examiner, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, NE
5. March 1996 - July 1997, T-1A Instructor Pilot, Joint Naval Flight Officer Training, VT-10, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL
6. July 1997 - July 2002, T-1A Flight Scheduler, Joint Naval Flight Officer Training, VT-10, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL
7. July 2002 - May 2004, Pilot KC-135E/R, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
8. May 2004 - August 2007, Aircraft Commander KC-135, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
9. August 2007 - November 2011, Instructor Pilot KC- 135, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
10. November 2011 - May 2012, Evaluator Pilot C- 135, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
11. May 2012 - February 2014, Chief of Training, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
12. February 2014 - May 2015, Chief of Stan/Eval, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
13. May 2015 - December 2015, Operations Officer, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
14. December 2015 - November 2017, Commander, 132nd Air Refueling Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Maine
15. November 2017 - April 2018, Director of Operations, Joint Force Headquarters, Augusta, Maine
16. April 2018 - August 2020, Vice Wing Commander, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor ANGB, Maine
17. August 2020 - November 2021, Wing Commander, 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor ANGB, Maine
18. November 2021 - Present, Assistant Adjutant General, Augusta, Maine

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 7,000 hours

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-1A, EC-135C/J, OC-135B, WC-135W, TC-135S, KC-135A/E/R/T

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 13, 1989

First Lieutenant Sept. 9, 1991

Captain Sept. 9, 1993

Major Aug. 12, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 12, 2010

Colonel April 26, 2018

Brigadier General Oct. 4, 2022

(Current as of September 2024)