



COLONEL RICHARD E. PEACE

Colonel Richard Peace is the commander of the Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC), Georgia Air National Guard (ANG) at the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport, Savannah, Ga. The center provides effective force integration in a distinctive cross-domain venue that ensures global air dominance. It hosts quarterly large-force exercises and trains active and reserve component specialists worldwide on Theater Deployable Communications equipment and capabilities. The center also hosts national-level conferences and training events supporting both federal and state missions of the Air National Guard and the Department of War.

Colonel Peace earned his commission in 2003 through Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Ala. He completed specialized undergraduate pilot training at Columbus AFB, Miss., in 2004, and fixed wing qualification training at Vance AFB, Okla., in 2005. He is a command pilot with over 2,800 military flight hours and more than 600 combat hours. Colonel Peace has deployed numerous times in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, INHERENT RESOLVE, and NOBLE EAGLE.



Throughout his career, Colonel Peace has served in multiple capacities within the 187th Fighter Wing at Dannelly Field, Ala., to include F-16 weapons instructor, flight commander, Assistant Director of Operations, and Operations Support Squadron commander. In 2022, he was hand-selected by the Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe to serve as initial cadre for the Gray Wolf Team. Additionally, he spent more than a decade leading the Alabama ANG State Partnership Program with Romania, while serving as an integral part of the California State Partnership Program with Ukraine. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Peace served as the Deputy Commander, 187th Operations Group, where he oversaw operations to provide the state governor, National Guard Bureau, and Combatant Commanders with organized, trained, and equipped F-35A aviation packages for worldwide combat, peacetime, and humanitarian taskings.

EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Wyoming, Wyo.
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, in Residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2014 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2024 Air War College, by correspondence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2003-December 2004, C-130 Pilot Trainee, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. December 2004-May 2005, C-130 Pilot Trainee, 357th Airlift Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
3. May 2005- September 2005, C-130 Pilot, 357th Airlift Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
4. September 2005- August 2007, F-16 Pilot Trainee, 187th Fighter Wing, Dannelly Field, Ala.
5. August 2007- September 2009; F-16 Pilot, 160th Fighter Squadron, Dannelly Field, Ala.
6. May 2008 USAF Fighter Electronic Combat Officers Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. February 2009- November 2021, F-16 Instructor Pilot, 100th Fighter Squadron, Dannelly Field, Ala.





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

8. May 2013 August 2013, Forward Air Controller (Airborne) Course, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
9. April 2015 – May 2015 Special Operations Terminal Attack Controller Course, MCAS Yuma, Ariz.
10. March 2021- April 2023, Operations Support Squadron Commander, 187th Fighter Wing, Dannelly Field, Ala.
11. May 2023-October 2023, F-35 Pilot Training, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
12. November 2023- February 2026, Deputy Commander, 187th Fighter Wing Operations Group, Dannelly Field, Ala.
13. February 2026 – Current, Commander, Georgia CRTG, Ga.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: more than 2800 fighter hours

Aircraft flown: F-35A, F-16 C/D, C130H, T-38C, T-38, T-1A, T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Combat Action Medal with 1 Gold Star

Meritorious Unit Award with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 3 Service Stars

Iraq Campaign Medal with 1 Service Star

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with 1 Service Star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Korean Defense Service Medal

Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters

Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

Air and Space Longevity Service Award with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 Hourglass device and 5 "M" Devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air and Space Training Ribbon

NATO Medal with 1 Service Star

STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Alabama Commendation Medal

Alabama National Emergency Service Medal and Service Medal with 5 Devices

Alabama Faithful Service Medal with 4 Devices

Alabama Active-Duty Basic Training Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Sept 19, 2003

First Lieutenant Sept 19, 2005

Captain Sept 19, 2007

Major Oct 25, 2013

Lieutenant Colonel Oct 25, 2020

Colonel Feb 01, 2026

(Current as of May 2026)

