



Biography

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BRIGADIER GENERAL RUSSELL A. RUSHE



Assistant Adjutant General for Air, South Carolina

Brigadier General Russell A. Rushe is the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, South Carolina National Guard, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Eastover, South Carolina. He previously served as the Director of Staff South Carolina Air National Guard, Columbia, South Carolina.

General Rushe began his Air Force career in May 1979 when he received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of South Carolina. After completing munitions officer training he was assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina where he participated in their conversion from the RF-4C to the F-16 A/B weapons system. He completed his active duty service in January 1984 and joined the South Carolina Air National Guard in May 1984, becoming a member of the first reserve unit to receive the F-16 weapons system. General Rushe deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm as part of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional. A career logistics officer, he has commanded two maintenance squadrons, a logistics group, and the 169th Maintenance Group

at the 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. He broadened his career serving as the 169th Mission Support Group Commander and the Vice Commander to the 169th Fighter Wing. He has a Master's degree in accounting and taxation from the University of South Carolina and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

EDUCATION:

- 1979 University of South Carolina, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Columbia, South Carolina
- 1986 University of South Carolina, Master of Science in Accounting and Taxation, Columbia, South Carolina
- 1986 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 1990 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 1998 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2012 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, District of Columbia

Columbia

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1979 - November 1979, Student, Munitions Officer training, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado
2. December 1979 - January 1984, Officer in Charge, 33rd and 17th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
3. February 1984 - April 1984, inactive status
4. May 1984 - November 1990, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, 169th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 169th Tactical Fighter Group, McEntire Air National Guard Base, South Carolina
5. December 1990 - June 1991, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, 157th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, Al Karj Air Base, Saudi Arabia
6. July 1991 - May 1995, Chief of Maintenance, 169th Maintenance Squadron, 169th Tactical Fighter Group, McEntire Air National Guard Base, South Carolina
7. June 1995 - April 1997 Commander, 169th Aircraft Generation Squadron and 169th Maintenance Squadron, 169th Tactical Fighter Wing, McEntire Air National Guard Base, South Carolina
8. May 1998 - April 2000, Commander 169th Logistics Group, 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire Air National Guard Station, South Carolina
9. May 2000 - May 2004, Commander, 169th Mission Support Group, 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire Air National Guard Station, South Carolina
10. June 2004 - January 2006, Vice Commander 169th Fighter Wing, McEntire Air National Guard Station, South Carolina
11. January 2006 - January 2011, Commander, 169th Maintenance Group, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina
12. January 2011 - October 2015, Director of Staff-Air, South Carolina National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Columbia, South Carolina
13. November 2015 - Present, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Valor and 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars)

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass and "E" Device)

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (with Bronze Star)

Air Force Training Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

South Carolina Exceptional Service Medal

South Carolina Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
South Carolina Governor's Unit Citation
South Carolina Active State Service Ribbon (with 4 Devices)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Certified Public Accountant
Leadership South Carolina Course, Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 11 May 1979
First Lieutenant 4 August 1981
Captain 4 August 1983
Major 28 November 1990
Lieutenant Colonel 12 June 1996
Colonel 1 December 2003
Brigadier General 1 November 2015

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