



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. Sturgill Jr.

Lt Col Bobby "Ripper" Sturgill last served as the Inspector General for the 509th Bomb Wing

Lt Col Sturgill, a Fort Worth, Texas native and Eagle Scout was commissioned through Air Force ROTC at Brigham Young University in December 2001, just months after the 9/11 attacks. He graduated from Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard AFB, TX whereupon he was selected to fly the F-16. He completed Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals at Sheppard AFB, TX and F-16 Initial Qualification Training at Luke AFB, AZ. During his first operational tour in the 18th Fighter Squadron at Eielson AFB, AK, he was selected to join the B-2 program. After completing B-2 Initial Qualification Training at Whiteman AFB, MO, Lt Col Sturgill spent three years in the 393rd Bomb Squadron where he was a Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, nuclear command and control procedures instructor, instructor pilot, and evaluator pilot. During this time he led Low Observable-Navy integration with B-2, F-22, and Carrier Strike Group assets in Continuous Bomber Presence deployments and Joint Task Force Exercises in the Pacific. Subsequently, he was selected to attend the U.S. Air Force Weapons School in class 11A. He then returned to the 393rd Bomb Squadron as Chief of Weapons and Tactics for six months before returning to the Weapons School as an instructor and later as Director of Operations for the 325th Weapons Squadron. He served as an Inspector and Interim Inspector General for the Whiteman AFB Wing Commander before attending Command and Staff College at the Marine Corps University. He then served the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a Presidential Strike Advisor and Assistant Deputy Director for Operations in the National Military Command Center on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He is a Command Pilot with over 2000 hours. Lt Col Sturgill's hobbies include sports, music, outdoor activities, and spending time with his family. He is married to the former Deborah Romney from Salt Lake City, Utah and has six children, Joshua, Elizabeth, Christine, Gretchen, Leandra, and Adelaide.



EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, Brigham Young University, Utah
- 2003 Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- 2004 F-16C/D Initial Qualification Course, Luke AFB, Arizona
- 2007 B-2 Initial Qualification Course, Whiteman AFB, Missouri
- 2008 PDE (resident), Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2011 USAF B-2 Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- 2012 IDE (non-resident), Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Alabama
- 2012 Masters of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, Alabama
- 2016 IDE (resident), Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, Virginia
- 2016 Masters of Military Studies, Marine Corps University, Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jan 02 – Sep 02, Officer in Charge, Student Training Flight, 80th OSS, Sheppard AFB, TX

2. Oct 02 – Oct 03, Student Pilot, ENJJPT, 80th FTW, Sheppard AFB, TX
3. Nov 03 – Oct 04, Student Pilot, F-16 IQT, 62nd FS, Luke AFB, AZ
4. Nov 04 – May 06, Assistant Scheduling Officer/F-16 Pilot, 18th FS, Eielson AFB, AK
5. Jun 06 – Dec 06, Assistant Chief of Scheduling/T-38 Pilot, 394th CTS, Whiteman AFB, MO
6. Jan 07 – Mar 07, Executive Officer/T-38 Pilot, 509th OG, Whiteman AFB, MO
7. Apr 07 – Oct 07, B-2 IQT Student, 394th CTS, Whiteman AFB, MO
8. Nov 07 – Dec 10, Flight Commander/B-2 IP/T-38 Pilot, 393rd BS, Whiteman AFB, MO
9. Jan 11 – Jun 11, Student Pilot, USAF Weapons School, 325th WPS, Whiteman AFB, MO
10. Jul 11 – Dec 11, Chief of Weapons & Tactics/B-2 EP/T-38 Pilot, 393rd BS, Whiteman AFB, MO
11. Jan 12 – Dec 12, ADO/B-2 Instructor Pilot/T-38 Pilot, 325th WPS, Whiteman AFB, MO
12. Jan 12 – Oct 14, Director of Operations, 325th WPS, Whiteman AFB, MO
13. Nov 14 – Jun 15, Director of Inspections, 509th BW, Whiteman AFB, MO
14. Jul 15 – Jun 16, Graduate Student, US Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, Quantico MCB, VA
15. Jul 16 – Jun 19, Presidential Strike Advisor/Assistant Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, Operations Directorate (J-3), the Joint Staff, Pentagon
16. Jul 19 – Present, Inspector General, 509th BW, Whiteman AFB, MO

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Weapons Officer

Air Combat Maneuvering Top Gun, Alaska Air to Air Turkey Shoot 2006
 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officers School 2008
 Chief of Staff Flight (#1 Flight), Squadron Officers School 2008
 Robert W. Williams Tuskegee Airmen Company Grade Officer of the Year 2009
 Distinguished Graduate, USAF Weapons School 2011
 Flying Award, USAF Weapons School 2011
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Meritorious Unit Award with 3 oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 2 oak leaf clusters
 Combat Readiness Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters
 National Defense Service Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short
 Air Force Longevity Service with 3 oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Training Ribbon

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight Hours: Over 2000 hours
 Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, F-16, and B-2

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jan 2002
 First Lieutenant Jan 2004
 Captain Jan 2006
 Major Jan 2012
 Lieutenant Colonel Jan 2017

(Current as of Feb 2021)