

# BRIGADIER GENERAL RONALD E. PAUL

## Assistant Adjutant General - Air

Brigadier General Ronald E. Paul is the Assistant Adjutant General – Air, Illinois Air National Guard. He is responsible for the command, control and operations of plans and programs affecting more than 3,000 Illinois Air National Guard personnel located at Scott Air Force Base, Peoria, and Springfield, Illinois. His broad range of responsibilities include ensuring combat readiness and mission capability of three major air bases comprised of flying wings, command and control facilities, logistics and mission support units, providing combat trained personnel to meet all United States Air Force mission requirements. General Paul also supervises a full-time force of over 900 federal and state employees.



General Paul graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1988, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in International Affairs. Following aircraft maintenance officer training, he served in various operational units in United States Air Forces in Europe, Tactical Air Command/Air Combat Command, Air Force Materiel Command and Pacific Air Forces. After his last active duty assignment in the 19<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, he joined the Illinois Air National Guard. He deployed to Europe and Southwest Asia multiple times in support of contingency operations. He served as the senior military officer in charge of F-16 maintenance training for the Polish Air Force. He has held squadron and group command, and was the Director of Logistics at First Air Force, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Prior to his current assignment, General Paul served as Commander of the 183<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing, Springfield, Illinois.

### EDUCATION:

1988 Bachelor of Science, International Affairs, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
1991 Master of Business Administration (MBA), Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California  
2006 Air War College, by Correspondence  
2014 Joint Task Force Commander Course, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1988 – April 1989, Student, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois

2. April 1989 – June 1990, Officer in Charge, Munitions Branch, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
3. June 1990 – March 1992, Assistant Officer in Charge, 390<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
4. March 1992 – December 1992, Maintenance Officer, 429<sup>th</sup> Electronic Combat Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
5. December 1992 – September 1993, Officer in Charge, Fabrication Branch, 36<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, Germany
6. September 1993 – February 1994, Assistant Squadron Maintenance Officer, 36<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, Germany
7. February 1994 – March 1995, Sortie Support Flight Commander, 493<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom
8. March 1995 – June 1996, Sortie Generation Flight Commander, 493<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom
9. June 1996 – June 1998, United States Air Force Logistics Career Broadening Officer, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah
10. June 1998 – June 1999, Deputy Chief, Technical Repair Division, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah
11. June 1999 – June 2001, Squadron Maintenance Officer, 19<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
12. June 2001 – October 2002, Chief of Supply, 183<sup>rd</sup> Logistics Squadron, Springfield, Illinois
13. October 2002 – August 2004, Commander, 183<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Squadron, Springfield, Illinois
14. August 2004 – September 2007, Commander, 183<sup>rd</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Springfield, Illinois
15. October 2007 – October 2009, Commander, 183<sup>rd</sup> Mission Support Group, Springfield, Illinois
16. October 2009 – November 2012, Director of Logistics, First Air Force, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida
17. November 2012 – November 2014, Commander, 183<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing, Springfield, Illinois
18. November 2014 – November 2015, Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Guantanamo Naval Station, Cuba
19. December 2015 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Illinois Air National Guard, Springfield, Illinois

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars)  
Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long (with Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with Gold Border and Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon  
Air Force Longevity Service (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 2 'M' Devices)  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (with Bronze Star)  
Air Force Training Ribbon  
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal  
Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait  
Illinois Long and Honorable Service Medal  
Illinois State Attendance Ribbon (with Bronze '2' Device)

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant 1 June 1988  
First Lieutenant 1 June 1990  
Captain 1 June 1992  
Major 1 October 1999  
Lieutenant Colonel 4 October 2003  
Colonel 30 October 2009  
Brigadier General 1 November 2014

(Current as of 4 December 2015)