



## BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

### MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN G. PURDY, JR.

Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Purdy, Jr., is the Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, Washington, D.C. He also serves as the Space Force University Partnership Program Champion for the University of Texas Austin.

Maj. Gen. Purdy as Military Deputy is responsible for research and development, worth more than \$24 billion annually. His responsibilities include crafting program strategies and options for representing DAF positions to the office of the Secretary of Defense, Congress and the White House.

Maj. Gen. Purdy entered the Air Force as a Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Baylor University in 1993. He has served in a variety of engineering, acquisition and policy capacities, including assignments at the Air Force Laboratory, the Pentagon, Congress, Space and Missile Systems Center and Headquarters United States Space Force. He has served as an Air Force Intern, Space/Nuclear/Cyber Congressional Appropriations Liaison, Materiel Leader in the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program, Senior Materiel Leader for the Advanced Extremely High Frequency Program, Director Special Programs, Space and Missile Systems Center, and as the dual hatted Space Operations Command's Director, Requirements, Architectures and Analysis and the Director, Plans, Programs and Financial Management. Prior to his current assignment, General Purdy was quad hatted as Program Executive Officer for Assured Access to Space; Commander, Space Launch Delta 45; Director of Launch and Range Operations, Space Systems Command; and Director of the Eastern Range, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida.



#### EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Computer Emphasis), Baylor University, Texas  
1995 Masters of Science in Computer Science, Baylor University, Texas  
1999 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2001 Master of Arts, Organizational Management, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.  
2006 Congressional Fellow, Air Force Legislative Fellows Program, US Senate, Washington, D.C.  
2010 Certificate in Legislative Studies, Georgetown University, Government Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C.  
2010 Program Managers Course (PMT 401), Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va.  
2014 Masters of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.  
2014 Executive Program Manager's Course (PMT 402), Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va.  
2017 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.  
2019 Executive Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1995-December 1997, Simulation Systems Engineer, Wright Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
2. January 1998-July 1999, Executive Officer, Air Vehicles Directorate, Air Force Research Lab, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. August 1999-May 2001, Air Force Intern, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. (January 2000 - June 2000, Intern, Nuclear Matters, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington D.C.; June 2000-December 2000, Intern, Space Programs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.).
4. June 2001-December 2001, Chief, Atlas V Booster, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Prog, Los Angeles AFB, CA.
5. January 2002-May 2003, Chief, Atlas V Avionics, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
6. June 2003-March 2004, Chief Engineer, Atlas V, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
7. March 2004-July 2005, Joint Counterair Manager, Global Power Programs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
8. August 2005-December 2006, Fellow, Air Force Congressional Legislative Fellows Program, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. (Defense Fellow for United States Senator Pete V. Domenici, State of New Mexico).
9. January 2007-December 2007, Deputy, Congressional Appropriations Strategy and Engagement Division, Congressional Budget and Appropriations Office, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Budget), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. January 2008-August 2008, Chief, Congressional Appropriations Strategy and Engagement Division, Congressional Budget and Appropriations Office, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Budget), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. August 2008-June 2009, Space and Nuclear Congressional Liaison, Congressional Budget and Appropriations Office, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Budget), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
12. June 2009-May 2010, Space, Nuclear and Cyber Congressional Liaison, Congressional Budget and Appropriations Office,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Budget), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.  
13. June 2010-June 2011, Senior Military Assistant/Executive Officer, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force (Space Programs), Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.  
14. July 2011-April 2012, Materiel Leader (Squadron Commander equivalent)/Chief, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Strategic Planning Branch, Launch and Range Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.  
15. April 2012-January 2013, Materiel Leader (Squadron Commander equivalent)/Chief, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program Management Branch, Launch and Range Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.  
16. February 2013-June 2013, Materiel Leader (Squadron Commander equivalent)/Chief, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program Management Branch, and Acting Branch Chief, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle New Entrant Acquisitions, Launch and Range Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.  
17. July 2013-June 2014, Student, National War College, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
18. June 2014-June 2017, Senior Materiel Leader (Group Commander equivalent) and Division Chief, Protected Satellite Communications (Advanced Extremely High Frequency [AEHF] Satellite Program), Military Satellite Communications Systems Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.  
19. June 2017-March 2020, Senior Materiel Leader (Wing Commander equivalent) and Director, Space Superiority Directorate, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.  
20. March 2020-June 2020, Acting Director, Plans, Programs, Financial Management, Headquarters United States Space Force, Peterson AFB, Colo.  
21. June 2020-August 2020, Director, Plans, Programs, Financial Management, Headquarters United States Space Force, Peterson AFB, Colo.  
22. August 2020-October 2020, Dual Hatted, Director, Strategic Requirements, Architectures and Analysis and Director, Plans, Programs and Financial Management, Headquarters United States Space Force, Peterson AFB, Colo.  
23. October 2020-January 2021, Dual Hatted, Director, Strategic Requirements, Architectures and Analysis and Director, Plans, Programs and Financial Management, Headquarters Space Operations Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.  
24. January 2021-May 2021, Commander, 45th Space Wing; and Director, Eastern Range, Patrick SFB, Fla.  
25. May 2021-August 2021, Commander, Space Launch Delta 45; and Director, Eastern Range, Patrick SFB, Fla.  
26. August 2021-February 2022, Commander, Space Launch Delta 45; and Director, Eastern Range; and Director of Launch and Range Operations for Space Systems Command, Patrick SFB, Fla.  
27. February 2022-June 2023, Program Executive Officer for Assured Access to Space; and Commander, Space Launch Delta 45; and Director, Eastern Range; and Director of Launch and Range Operations for Space Systems Command, Patrick SFB, Fla.  
28. June 2023-present, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, HAF, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air and Space Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air and Space Organization Excellence Award with seven oak leaf clusters

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

Lt Gen John W. O'Neill Award for Outstanding Program Director, 2019  
FCW's, The Federal 100 for Exceptional Federal IT Contributions, 2022

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Dec. 18, 1993  
First Lieutenant Nov. 2, 1996  
Captain Nov. 1, 1998  
Major April 1, 2005  
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2009  
Colonel Oct. 1, 2014  
Brigadier General Aug. 6, 2020  
Major General Dec. 1, 2022

(Current as of November 2023)

