



## Colonel (Ret) Chris “Krispy” Patterson

Colonel (Ret) Chris “Krispy” Patterson served over thirty years in the United States Air Force, commanding at the wing, group, and squadron levels—including three times in combat operations. His leadership assignments included Commander of the 621<sup>st</sup> Contingency Response Wing, 376<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Group, 22<sup>nd</sup> Operations Support Squadron, 380<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, and 340<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, as well as Director of Education and Training at the Air Force Expeditionary Center and Vice Commander of the Air Force District of Washington.



A command pilot with more than 4,300 flight hours—including over 400 in combat—he flew the C-141B, TG-7A, KC-135R, C-17A, and UH-1N. His deployed service earned two Bronze Star Medals, three Air Medals, two Aerial Achievement Medals, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor.

Chris holds master’s degrees in Strategic Studies, Military Operational Art and Science, and Air Mobility, as well as a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Portland. He is also a Chartered Financial Consultant® (ChFC®) and Retirement Income Certified Professional® (RICP®).

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