



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRIAN “JACK” LANCASTER

Lieutenant Colonel Brian “Jack” Lancaster is the Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies, Detachment 800, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is responsible for recruiting, educating, training, motivating, selecting and commissioning officer candidates through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Tennessee. Air Force ROTC provides academic instruction on fundamental Air Force doctrine, practical leadership experience, and extensive field training, emphasizing officership and physical fitness to prepare future officers for active duty.

Lieutenant Colonel Lancaster entered the Air Force in 1994 as a graduate of Indiana State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in aviation management and was commissioned through the ROTC program. He is a master missileer, senior space and missile operator, fully-qualified joint service officer (level III), and is a core nuclear and missile operations officer. His career includes a variety of operations, staff, interagency, and joint assignments in the areas of missile operations and training, nuclear command and control, theater missile warning, and integrated air and missile defense. His notable previous duties include Chief, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Plans Branch at Headquarters Air Force; and Chief, Joint Nuclear Operations Center & Missile Warning Center at Headquarters, U.S. European Command where he also co-chaired a subcommittee of the U.S.-Israel Combined Planning Committee for missile defense.



EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Science in aviation management, Indiana State University, Terre Haute.
- 1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Naval Command and Staff College, National Capitol Region (graduated “With Distinction”)
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College, by distance learning
- 2007 Joint Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Va.
- 2007 Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies, Naval War College, R.I. (graduated “With Distinction”)
- 2012 Air War College, by distance learning (“Excellent Graduate”)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1994 – February 1995, student, undergraduate missile training, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
2. March 1995 – August 1998, Peacekeeper ICBM deputy combat crew commander and instructor, 90th Operations Support Squadron; Peacekeeper ICBM combat crew commander, assistant flight commander and instructor, 400th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
3. September 1998 – January 2000, emergency war order training officer; ICBM plans/targeting officer, 90th Operations Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
4. February 2000 – March 2003, nuclear command and control operations officer, National Security Agency (Y52), Fort George G. Meade, Md.
5. April 2003 – May 2007, Chief of Nuclear Command and Control Operations, later, Chief of Division Special Programs, Headquarters Air Combat Command (A3S), Langley AFB, Va.
6. June 2007 – June 2010, Chief, Joint Nuclear Operations Center & Missile Warning Center, Headquarters U.S. European Command (J3-OD), Patch Barracks, Germany
7. July 2010 – June 2013, Chief, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Plans Branch, Headquarters Air Force (A5XM), Pentagon, Washington, D.C. (1 April – 27 September 2011 – deployment to Headquarters U.S. Central Command (J5-SC), MacDill AFB, Fl.)
8. July 2013 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 800, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2000 – March 2003, nuclear command and control operations officer, National Security Agency (Y52), Fort George G. Meade, Md., as a captain
2. June 2007 – June 2010, Chief, Joint Nuclear Operations Center & Missile Warning Center, Headquarters, U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Germany, as a major and lieutenant colonel
3. April 2011 – September 2011, Deputy Branch Chief for Engagements, Headquarters, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fl., as a lieutenant colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster)
Joint Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster)
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award (three oak leaf clusters)
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (three oak leaf clusters)
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 1994
First Lieutenant	August 1996
Captain	August 1998
Major	February 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	December 2009

(Current as of July 2013)