



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW CASTILLO

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew J.P. Castillo 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 Castillo enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in 1996 then earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of the Texas A&M University ROTC program. He is a career intelligence officer and weapons instructor. He has served in a variety of Air Force and interagency positions to include command at the squadron level.



His operational experience spans the tactical to strategic levels and includes Operations UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and deployments in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM where he served as the Combined Forces Air Component Commander, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Liaison Officer assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division Baghdad, Iraq.

EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 2000 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- 2006 USAF Weapons School, Intelligence Sensor Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, NV.
- 2009 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2012 Master of Military Art & Science, US Army Command and General Staff College
- 2013 Master of Military Operational Art & Science, US Army School of Advanced Military Studies
- 2015 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1999 – January 2000, Wing Executive Assistant, 2d Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
2. January 2000 – May 2000, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas.
3. May 2000 – June 2001, Student, Basic Officer Intelligence Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas.
4. June 2001 – March 2002, Flight Commander, RAF Menwith Hill Operations and 451st Information Operations Squadron, RAF Menwith Hill, United Kingdom.
March 2002 – June 2002, Chief, Current Operations, 12th Expeditionary Intelligence Squadron, RC-135 Operations, Prince Sultan AB, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
June 2002 – September 2004, Deputy Senior Mission Manager, RAF Menwith Hill Operations and 451st Information Operations Squadron, RAF Menwith Hill, United Kingdom.
5. September 2004 – July 2006, Chief, Air Analysis Team, 26th Air and Space Intelligence Squadron, 502d Air Operations Group, Pacific Air Operations Center, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

6. July 2006 – January 2007, Student, Intelligence Sensor Weapons Instructor Course, 19th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada.
7. January 2007 – April 2008, Assistant Director of Operations and Assistant J3, 381st Intelligence Squadron and Alaska Mission Operations Center, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.
April 2008 – November 2008, CFACC Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Liaison Officer, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division Baghdad, Iraq.
November 2008 – June 2009, Chief, Analysis and Production and Chief, Training, 381st Intelligence Squadron and Alaska Mission Operations Center, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.
8. June 2009 – June 2010, Intelligence Weapons Instructor & Assistant Director of Operations for Training, 19th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada.
9. June 2010 – June 2011, Director of Operations, 19th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada.
10. June 2011 – May 2012, Student, US Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas.
11. May 2012 – June 2013, Student, School of Advanced Military Studies, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas.
12. June 2013 – April 2014, Chief, ISR Operations, 24 AF/A2, Joint Base San Antonio -Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.
April 2014 – June 2015, Chief, ISR Strategy & Plans, 24 AF/A2 Joint Base San Antonio -Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.
13. June 2015 – July 2017, Commander, 35th Intelligence Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas
14. Aug 2017 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 800, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Army Commendation Medal
 Joint Service Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	13 June 1999
First Lieutenant	13 June 2001
Captain	13 June 2003
Major	1 April 2009
Lieutenant Colonel	1 September 2014

(Current as of Aug 2017)