



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN WILLIAM P. COLEY

Captain William P. Coley is Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and Operations Flight Commander at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), Detachment 800 at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is responsible to oversee the training and evaluation program for all cadets of Detachment 800. Captain Coley aides in the recruiting and operations of the cadet wing, comprised of over 100 students. He provides practical leadership and experiences for the growth and mentorship of future officers as they pursue a commission in the United States Air Force or United States Space Force.

Captain Coley is from Knoxville, Tennessee and earned his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in May 2012. Following his commission, he completed technical training as a Nuclear Missile Operations Officer at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. He has held various operational and instructor positions, having completed over 7,000 hours operating the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile weapon system. Additionally, he served as Flight Commander of the Emergency War Orders Flight in the 91st Operations Support Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D. Prior to his current position, Captain Coley was Flight Commander in the 740th Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.



EDUCATION

2012 Bachelor of Science, Business Management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2017 Master of Science in Organization Leadership, University of Providence, Great Falls, Mont.
2018 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, in-residence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2012 – April 2013, Student, 532nd Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
2. April 2013 – February 2017, Instructor Combat Crew Commander, 10th Missile Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
3. February 2017 – May 2019, Flight Commander, 91st Operations Support Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
4. May 2019 – July 2020, Flight Commander, 740th Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
5. July 2020 – Present, Operations Flight Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 800, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 23, 2012
First Lieutenant May 23, 2014
Captain May 23, 2016

(CURRENT AS OF MAY 2021)