



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. JUSTIN REYNOLDS

Lieutenant Colonel R. Justin Reynolds is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps' (AFROTC) Detachment 305 and Professor of Aerospace Studies, Louisiana Tech University. In that capacity he is responsible for training and developing cadets to commission as Air Force or Space Force officers who are ready to lead Airmen or Guardians to meet our Nation's security challenges.

As a graduate of Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Lt Col Reynolds entered the Air Force in 2005 after earning his bachelor's in biology from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and a masters in biology from Louisiana Tech University. He has held numerous positions at the Detachment, Squadron, Wing, and Major Command levels. Lt Col Reynolds previously served as Commander, 86th Fighter Weapons Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah.

Lt Col Reynolds is a Master Navigator (Weapons System Officer) with more than 1,500 flight hours in the F-15E and F-15EX. He has served in various operational assignments, deployments, and staff positions across the NORTHCOM, EUCOM, USINDOPACOM, and CENTCOM areas of responsibility in support of Operations NOBLE EAGLE and ENDURING FREEDOM.



EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science in Biology, University of Louisiana Monroe, Monroe, La.

2002 Master of Science, Biology, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, La.

2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2018 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2005 – March 2007, Student, Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
2. March 2007 – August 2008, Student F-15E Formal Training Unit, 333rd Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
3. August 2008 – November 2011, F-15E Instructor Weapon Systems Officer, Chief of Combat Plans, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
4. November 2011 – March 2015, F-15E Instructor Weapons Systems Officer, Chief of Scheduling and Flight Commander, 494th Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. March 2015 – July 2018, F-15E Evaluator Weapon Systems Officer, Chief of Wing Inspections, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
6. July 2018 – April 2021, Targeting Effects Team Chief, Chief of Strategic Guidance, 613th Air Operations Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
7. April 2021 – May 2023, Director of Operations, 86th Fighter Weapons Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
8. May 2023 – June 2025, Commander, 86th Fighter Weapons Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
9. June 2025 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 305, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston Louisiana





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FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight Hours: more than 1,700

Aircraft flown: F-15E, F-15EX, F-15QA, T-6, T-1, T-39, T-38C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with 5 oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant March 18, 2005

First Lieutenant March 18, 2007

Captain March 18, 2009

Major July 1, 2015

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2021

(Current as of July 2025)

