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## MAJOR MATTHEW A. SPINKS

Maj, Matthew Spinks is Operations Officer, Assistant Professor, and on-site Operating Location commander at Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, Operating Location 012A University of Alabama in Huntsville. The responsibilities of his current duty position are the organization of on-site day-to-day operations and the instruction of all military training events for 34 enrolled cadets. He is also responsible for two cadre members tasked with preparing prospective cadets for commission in addition to recruitment, education, accessions management, community engagement and development.

Major Spinks graduated from the University of New Mexico in 2011 with a Bachelor's in Criminology. He attended initial Combat Systems Officer training at Naval Air Station Pensacola and completed his training in 2013 where he earned his aeronautical rating. Since his initial training, Maj Spinks has held a variety of operations related positions, and has served as an evaluator navigator on E-3 AWACS and EC-130H Compass Call. On both platforms, he took part in numerous deployments as an operator and liaison officer, supporting operations ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOMS SENTINEL. Prior to his current position, Maj Spinks was the Operations Officer and Assistant Professor at Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, Detachment 590 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.



Maj. Spinks is a Senior Navigator with more than 2,700 flight hours in 5 aircraft, including 700 combat hours.

## EDUCATION

2011 Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NMex.

2016 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2018 Master of Arts, Emergency and Disaster Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W. Va.

2023 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

## ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. July 2011 – March 2013, Student, Combat Systems Officer Training, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.
2. March 2013 – July 2013, Student, E-3 Initial Qualification Training, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.
3. July 2013 – February 2015, E-3 Navigator, (968th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron), 963d Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB. Okla.
4. February 2015 – September 2015, E-3 Instructor Navigator, (609th Air Operations Center), 963d Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
5. September 2015 – May 2016, Assistant Flight Commander, 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
6. May 2016 – July 2017, Squadron Executive Officer, Evaluator Navigator, 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. July 2017 – February 2018, Student, EC-130H, 42d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.





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8. February 2018 – June 2019, Flight Commander, Safety & Security, EC-130H Navigator, (41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron), 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
9. June 2019 – November 2019, Flight Commander, Mobility, EC-130H Instructor Navigator, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
10. November 2019 – June 2020, Group Executive Officer, Evaluator Navigator, 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
11. June 2020 – July 2022, Deputy Chief, Group Standardization and Evaluations, Evaluator Navigator, 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
12. July 2022 – July 2024, Operations Officer, Assistant Professor, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, Detachment 590, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C.
13. July 2024 – Present, Operations Officer, Assistant Professor, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, Detachment 012A, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, Ala.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight hours: more than 2,700

Aircraft flown: T-6, T-1, E-3B/C/G, EC-130H, TC-130H

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

*Second Lieutenant 13 May, 2011*

*First Lieutenant June 19, 2013*

*Captain June 19, 2015*

*Major May 1, 2021*

(Current as of June 2025)

