



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN BRETT “DEVIL” COLLINS

Captain Brett P. Collins currently serves as an AFROTC Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and is assigned to Detachment 012, Samford University. As the Education and Recruiting Officer he is responsible for the recruitment and mentoring of college students who are interested in a commission into the USAF and USSF.

Capt Collins was born in Spokane, Washington, on 24 February 1983. He graduated Gonzaga Preparatory High School in June of 2001 and enlisted in the USMC. He completed training and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor on 14 September 2001. He trained as an Artillery Forward Observer and Civil Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer deploying several times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terror to include the major battles of Fallujah and Ramadi where he was decorated for combat action. He transferred to the Marine Corps Mobile Training Teams where he became an instructor of Marine Corps Martial Arts, Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship, Weapons and Tactics, Close Quarters Battle and Water Survival. In 2009, Brett conducted an inter-service transfer to the Air Force becoming an Air Force Special Tactics Combat Controller. After graduating the grueling Special Tactics CCT pipeline he earned his Scarlet Beret and moved to Hurlburt Field, Florida. After sustaining injuries during training, Capt Collins elected to retrain over retiring and became a Command-and-Control Specialist. As a Command-and-Control Specialist Capt Collins was stationed at Keesler AFB Mississippi with the 81st Training Wing, the World Famous Hurricane Hunters, and Geilenkirchen NATO Airbase. He had a major role in the C-ISIL mission as the NATO's only enlisted Duty Officer. While serving with NATO he was selected to Master Sergeant. A few months later he commissioned through Officer Training School on 27 September 2019 as a Force Support Officer. Upon completion of OTS, Lt Collins was assigned as a Section Commander for the 726th Air Control Squadron and 391st Fighter Squadron and dual hatted as an Executive Officer and Base Honor Guard OIC as well as Community Support Flight Commander 366th Force Support Squadron. Brett was married to Kati L. Collins on 10 October 2015 and has one son, Christian S. Collins born on 24 March 2018.



EDUCATION

2019 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2019 Masters of Business Administration, American Public University, WV
2018 International Intermediate Leadership Academy, Switzerland
2018 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force
2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course
2017 Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course
2016 Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management, American Military University, WV
2016 Emergency Management Degree, Community College of The Air Force
2013 Airman Leadership School, Hurlburt Field AFB, FL
2009 Advanced Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course (USMC)
2006 Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course (USMC)

2005 Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course (USMC)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2023- Present, Education and Recruiting Flight Commander, AFROTC Det 012 Samford, Birmingham AL
2. March 2022- May 2023, Flight Commander FSW, 366th Force Support Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
2. May 2021- March 2022, Section Commander, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
3. October 2019- May 2021, Section Commander, 726 Air Control Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
4. November 2016 – October 2019, Command Post NCOIC, Operations Squadron, Geilenkirchen NATO AB, DE
5. August 2013 – November 2016, Command and Control Specialist, 81st Training Wing Keesler AFB, MS
6. December 2010 – August 2013, Student, Special Tactics Training Squadron, Hurlbert Field AFB, FL
7. July 2009 – December 2010, Combat Control Trainee, Lackland AFB, TX
8. April 2008 – July 2009, Mobile Training Team Leader/Instructor, Mobilization Command, MO
9. August 2006 – April 2008, Inspector/Instructor Staff/Operations Chief, USMC Reserve Installation Spokane, WA
10. February 2005 – August 2006, Forward Air Controller/Civil Affairs NCO, 3rd Civil Affairs Group, Camp Pendleton, CA
11. January 2002 – February 2005, Infantry Forward Observer/Forward Air Controller, Papa Battery 5/14, Spokane WA

JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2016 – July 2019, C3 Duty Officer, NATO AWACS, Geilenkirchen AB, DE, as a TSgt/MSgt/Lt

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Navy Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Navy marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon
Army Combat Action Badge
Nijmegen Medal with Kings Crown (Dutch Award)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

366th Fighter Wing Flt/CC of the Year, 2022
486th Air Expeditionary Wing, Joint Task Force Liberty CGO Top Performer, 2022
552 Air Control Wing A1 CGO of the Year, 2020
NATO AWACS NCO of the Year, 2018
AF District of Washington Aircrew of the Year, 2017
AFELM Professional Org of the Year, 2017
Top Grad International NCOA, Lucerne, Switzerland, 2017
Distinguished Graduate ALS Hurlbert Field FL, 2012

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Private First Class (USMC) September 14, 2001
Lance Corporal (USMCR) February 1, 2002
Corporal (USMC) April 1, 2003
Sergeant (USMC) April 1, 2006
Staff Sergeant (Select USMC) April 1, 2008
Senior Airman July 17, 2009
Staff Sergeant September 1, 2013
Technical Sergeant May 1, 2017
Master Sergeant (Select) May 1, 2019
2nd Lieutenant September 27, 2019
1st Lieutenant September 27, 2021
Captain September 27, 2023

(Current as of January 2024)