



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN AUSTIN H. DOWNS

Captain Austin Downs serves as the Recruiting Officer at the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 290, University of Kentucky (KY), Lexington, KY. He is responsible for all recruiting activities relating to the University of Kentucky, crosstown universities, and high schools in the surrounding area. In addition, Capt Downs is an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and instructs the AS100 curriculum. He also oversees all classroom instruction, testing, training and education for cadets and cadre members.

Capt Downs is from Bardstown, Kentucky and graduated from the University of Louisville, earning his commission in 2015. Prior to his current position, Capt Downs was the Chief of Training, 33d Network Warfare Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, San Antonio, TX, where he oversaw the training and equipping of 350 squadron members for the Air Force's only enterprise-wide cyberspace defense system.

EDUCATION

- 2015 Bachelor of Science., Electrical Engineering, University of Louisville
- 2018 Master of Business Administration, University of the Incarnate Word
- 2018 Undergraduate Cyberspace Training, Keesler Air Force Base (AFB), Miss.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 2016 – Sept 2018, Assignments Officer, Cyberspace Assignments Team, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio - Randolph, Texas
2. Sept 2018 – March 2019, Cyberspace Defense Operator, 33d Network Warfare Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas
3. March 2019 – April 2020, Officer in Charge, Threat Emulation, 33d Network Warfare Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas
4. April 2020 – April 2021, Chief of Training, 33d Network Warfare Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas
5. April 2021 – Present, Recruiting Officer, AFROTC Det 290, Lexington, KY

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Unit Award
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

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| Second Lieutenant | December 2015 |
| First Lieutenant | April 2018 |
| Captain | April 2020 |

(Current as of August 2021)



