



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN AUSTIN H. DOWNS

Captain Austin Downs serves as the Operations Flight Commander at the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 290, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. He is responsible for the planning and execution of all Practical Military Training (PMT) completed at Detachment 290. PMT includes Leadership Laboratory, Physical Training, Field Training and Professional Development Training. Capt Downs is also an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and instructs the AS100 level curriculum.

Capt Downs is from Bardstown, Kentucky and a 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. Apr 2020 – Apr 2021, Chief of Training, 33d Network Warfare Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas
5. Apr 2021 – Apr 2022, Recruiting Officer, AFROTC Det 290, Lexington, KY
6. May 2022 – Dec 2022, Instructor, AFROTC Det 290, Lexington, KY
7. Dec 2022 – Present, Operations Flight Commander, AFROTC Det 290, Lexington, KY

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air & Space Commendation Medal
Air & Space 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

Second Lieutenant	December 2015
First Lieutenant	April 2018
Captain	April 2020

(Current as of December 2022)



