



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN BRYAN “FEAR” LIETZKE

Captain Lietzke is an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and Recruiting Officer, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), Detachment 290, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. He instructs AS100 level curriculum, developing and educating cadets on the foundations of the U.S. Air Force and is responsible for all recruiting activities relating to the University of Kentucky, crosstown universities, and high schools in the surrounding area.

Captain Lietzke grew up in Gladstone, Oregon. He attended Gladstone High School, graduating in 2003. He lettered in track and field and cross-country. He then enlisted in the Air Force as a Tactical Air Control Partyman. He was deployed five times as a TACP to Afghanistan from 2005 to 2014. He completed the Joint Terminal Attack Controller Qualification Course and served as an instructor and evaluator. Captain Lietzke earned his CCAF and enrolled at Western Kentucky University, where, in 2014, he graduated summa cum laude before attending Officer Training School in 2017. Captain Lietzke attended Undergraduate Remotely Piloted Aircraft training at Randolph AFB after his commissioning. In 2018, he was assigned to his first flying assignment at Shaw AFB, SC, as an MQ-9 Reaper pilot. In 2020, he volunteered for the 33d SOS and arrived at Cannon later that year. He has flown more than 1,900 combat hours, logged over 500 instructor and evaluator hours, and planned and executed numerous high-profile missions.



EDUCATION

2003 Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
2007 Joint Terminal Attack Controller Qualification Course, Nellis AFB, NV
2007 Airman Leadership School, Shaw AFB, SC
2009 Tactical Air Command and Control Craftsman Course, Hurlburt Field, FL
2012 Associate of Applied Science, Community College of the Air Force, Pitsenbarger Award
2014 Systems Management (BS), Western Kentucky University, Summa Cum Laude, University Scholar
2015 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Keesler AFB, MS
2017 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2022 Masters of Business Administration, Western Kentucky University, Summa Cum Laude
2023 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug - Oct 03: Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX. Honor Graduate.
2. Oct 03- Feb 04: Tactical Air Control Apprentice Course, Hurlburt Field, FL. Commandant Award.
3. Mar 04: SV-80A, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Fairchild AFB, WA.
4. Apr 04 - May 06: Det 1, 2nd Air Support Operations Squadron, Vilseck, Germany. TACP Journeyman.
5. May 06 - Dec 08: 15th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Stewart, GA. JTAC, TACP Journeyman.
6. Dec 08 - Jun 14: Det 1, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Knox, KY. JTAC-Instructor.

7. Jun 14 - Dec 16: 20th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Drum, NY. Chief of Stan/Eval.
8. Jan 17 - Mar 17: Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL. Officer Candidate.
9. Mar 17 - Mar -18: 12th Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, TX. Student RPA Pilot.
10. Apr 18 - Sep 18: 9th Flying Training Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM. Student RPA Pilot.
11. Sep 18 - Jul 20: 482nd Attack Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC. RPA Pilot.
12. Aug 20 - Jun 25: 33d Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB NM. Chief of Stan/Eval.
13. Jun 25 – Present: AFROTC Det 290 University of Kentucky. Recruiting Officer

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Aerial Achievement Medal	12 Oak Leaf Clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal	2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Army Commendation Medal	1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Air and Space Achievement Medal	3 Oak Leaf Clusters
Meritorious Unit Award	5 Oak Leaf Clusters
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award	1 "V" Device and 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
Combat Readiness Medal	6 Oak Leaf Clusters
AF Good Conduct Medal	3 Oak Leaf Clusters
National Defense Service Medal	
Afghanistan Campaign Medal	3 Service Stars
Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal	1 Service Star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal	
Remote Combat Effects Campaign Medal	2 Service Stars
Air and Space Overseas Service Ribbon Lg	1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon	4 Oak Leaf Clusters
Air and Space Longevity Service Award	4 Oak Leaf Clusters
USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon	1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon	
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)	
Air and Space Training Ribbon	1 Oak Leaf Cluster
NATO Medal	

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Airman Basic 26 Aug 2003
 Airman First Class 10 Oct 2003
 Senior Airman 10 Feb 2005
 Staff Sergeant 1 May 2008
 Technical Sergeant 1 Apr 2013
 Second Lieutenant 10 Mar 2017
 First Lieutenant 10 Mar 2019
 Captain 10 Mar 2021

(Current as of Jun 2025)