



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR MELISSA GULDAN

Major Guldan is the Operations officer for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp (AFROTC) Detachment 290, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. She supervises all unit operations and training functions and is responsible for coordinating all detachment activities for cadre, and delivers instruction on foundational leadership curricula to cadets.

Major Guldan commissioned in 2005 from the University of Tennessee. She has had the privilege to be an instructor at Air and Space Basic Course, Squadron Officer School, and the Inter-European Air Forces Academy. Additionally, she has worked at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Belgium and with the Space Force during their stand up as a separate service component. Prior to her current position, Major Guldan served as the Dean for the Inter-European Air Forces Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany. She was responsible for instructor development and the education and training of 87 allied and partner nations throughout Europe and Africa.



EDUCATION

2005 Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering, University of Tennessee, TN

2006 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL

2009 Masters of Business Administration, Webster University, MO

2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2019 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2006 – July 2010, Certification Manager, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas

(June 2008 – October 2008, Operations Planner, Joint Functional Component Command, Networks, Fort Meade, Maryland)

(December 2009 – June 2010, Flight Commander, 379 Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)

2. July 2010 – July 2013, Instructor & Course Director, Air and Space Basic Course/Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

3. July 2013 – July 2015, Director of Operations, 421 Air Base Squadron, RAF Menwith Hill, United Kingdom

(June 2014 – December 2014, Information Systems Support Manager, NATO HQ, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

4. July 2015 – July 2018, Staff Officer IT Systems and Maintenance, SHAPE, Belgium

5. July 2018 – July 2019, 821 Air Base Squadron, Pituffik SB, Greenland

6. July 2019 – March 2021, Mission Assurance Director, 16 Space Control Squadron, Peterson SFB, Colorado

7. March 2021 – March 2024, Dean, Inter-European Air Forces Academy, Kapaun AS, Germany

8. March 2024 – Present, Operations Officer, AFROTC Detachment 290, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS

Second Lieutenant December 25, 2005

1st Lieutenant December 25, 2007

Captain December 25, 2009

Major September 1, 2018

(Current as of May 2024)