



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR JAMES W. NOLAN

Major James Nolan is the is the Operations Officer for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp (AFROTC) Detachment 290, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. He 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 Nolan entered the Air Force in 2002 and received his commission, as a distinguished graduate, through the Air Force Officer Training School in 2015. Major Nolan has served as an Intelligence Analyst and Nuclear and Missile Operations Officer. During his time in the Air Force, Major Nolan has had the privilege of serving in numerous locations around the globe, including the National Security Agency and the Joint Special Operations Command. Prior to his current assignment, Major Nolan was the Deputy Chief of the USAFE-AFAF Nuclear Operations Center, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where he was responsible for command and control of US European Command's (USEUCOM) nuclear forces and to direct real-time ballistic missile warning and threat assessments to US, NATO, and Ukrainian forces. Further, he led a 31-member Total Force team, Personnel Reliability Program, nuclear surety, and was responsible for Two Person Concept material to guarantee Presidential force direction of USEUCOM's nuclear stockpile. Major Nolan also has deployed Joint Special Operations experience in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.



### EDUCATION

2007 Airman Leadership School, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

2013 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Kadena AB, Japan

2014 Bachelor of Arts, Intelligence Studies, American Military University, Charles Town, West Virginia

2020 Master of Arts, Organizational Leadership, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky

2021 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2002 – April 2002, Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX.
2. April 2002 – November 2002, Student, 316 Training Squadron, Goodfellow Air Force Base, TX.
3. November 2002 – September 2004, Command and Control Warfare Analyst, Air Force Information Warfare Center, Joint Base San Antonio
4. September 2004 – September 2007, Surveillance and Warning Center Supervisor, 381<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK
5. September 2007 – August 2011, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Current Operations and Executive Protection, 29<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Ft. George G. Meade, MD.  
(February 2009 – August 2009, Unmanned Ariel Vehicle Sensor Operator, Joint Task Force Iraq, Camp Endurance, Iraq)
6. August 2011 – April 2015, Flight Chief, Analysis Operations, Misawa Air Base, Japan

7. May 2015 – July 2015, Trainee, Officer Training School, 24<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL.
8. July 2015 – May 2016, Student, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Initial Skills Training, 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA.
9. May 2016 – May 2019, Assistant Flight Commander, 740<sup>th</sup> Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND.
10. May 2019 – May 2020, Instructor, Minuteman III, 741<sup>st</sup> Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND.
11. May 2020 – Feb 2022, Flight Commander, Minuteman III, 740<sup>th</sup> Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND..
12. Feb 2022 – Jul 2025, Deputy Chief, Command and Control Operations Branch, US Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa Headquarters, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
13. Jul 2025 – Present Operations Officer, AFROTC Detachment 290, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air and Space Commendation Medal (5 OLC)  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air and Space Achievement Medal (2 OLC)  
Air and Space Recognition Ribbon (1 OLC)  
Combat Readiness Medal (1 OLC)  
Iraq Campaign Medal (1 Service Star)  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" device

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Airman First Class	Jan 2003
Senior Airman	Mar 2005
Staff Sergeant	Apr 2007
Technical Sergeant	Feb 2012
Second Lieutenant	Jul 2015
First Lieutenant	Jul 2017
Captain	Jul 2019
Major	Feb 2025

**(CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 2025)**