



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT G. LACY

Lt Col Robert G. Lacy is the Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 510, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M. As, Professor, and Chair of the Department of Aerospace Studies, he is responsible for educating and training cadets to prepare them to commission as Second Lieutenants, and leaders, in the United States Air Force and Space Force.

Lt Col Lacy earned his commission in 2006 through AFROTC after graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He completed undergraduate navigator training as an Electronic Warfare Officer at Randolph AFB, Texas in 2007, and his first operational assignment was to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. flying the EC-130H COMPASS CALL. In 2013 he transitioned to Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) to fly the MC-130H COMBAT TALON II at Hurlburt Field, Florida. There, among other roles, he served as strategic advisor to the AFSOC Commander and led Specialized Mobility Tactics Development for AFSOC. He has been assigned to Air Education and Training Command since 2018. Prior to his current assignment, he served as an instructor at Air Command and Staff College where he taught courses on strategy, military operations, and leadership, while also assisting directed research for USPACAF.



Lt Col Lacy is a rated Master Combat Systems Officer with over 600 combat hours and has deployed in support of combat operations for Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, Odyssey Dawn, Unified Protector, and Freedom's Sentinel/Resolute Support. He is a graduate of the US Air Force Weapons School and holds a Master of Military Operational Art and Science degree from Air University as well as a Master of Natural Resource Development degree from Texas A&M University.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2006- Bachelor of Science, Geology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb.
- 2007- Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training - Electronic Warfare Officer Training, Randolph Air Force Base (AFB), Texas
- 2008- Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2008- Information Operations Integration Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 2009- EC-130H Mission Crew Commander- Mission Qualification Course, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
- 2012- Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013- MC-130H Electronic Warfare Officer- Mission Qualification Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2016- Congressional Operations Seminar, Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University, Washington DC
- 2017- SOF Weapons Instructor Course, United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2019- Master of Natural Resource Development, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- 2019- Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala
- 2020- MC-130J Combat Systems Officer –Mission Qualification Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2022- Joint Air Operations Planning Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2006 - July 2007 Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
2. September 2007 - December 2008, Executive Officer, 43d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
3. July 2009 - July 2012, Tactics Officer, EC-130H Instructor Mission Crew Commander, 43d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.
5. July 2012 - May 2013, Assistant Flight Commander, EC-130H Instructor Mission Crew Commander, 755th Operations Support Squadron, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.
6. October 2013 - June 2014, Chief of Current Operations, MC-130H Electronic Warfare Officer, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
7. June 2014 - June 2015, Flight Commander, MC-130H Electronic Warfare Officer, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
8. June 2015 - April 2016, Wing Electronic Warfare Officer and Group Tactics Officer, MC-130H Evaluator Electronic Warfare Officer, 1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
9. April 2016 - January 2017, Deputy Director of the Cochran Group, Air Force Special Operations Command Headquarters, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. July 2017 – July 2018, Chief of AFSOC Specialized Mobility Tactics Development, MC-130H Weapons Officer, 492d Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
11. July 2018 – June 2019, Student (Political Affairs Strategy specialization), Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. June 2020 – June 2022, Wing Strategic Programs Officer, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
13. June 2022 – June 2025, Instructor, Department of Airpower, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. July 2025 – Present, Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 510, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Combat Systems Officer

Flight hours: more than 1800 hours, 669 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-43, EC-130H, MC-130H, MC-130J, HC-130J

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 2006
First Lieutenant	May 2008
Captain	May 2010
Major	August 2016
Lieutenant Colonel	December 2020

(Current as of July 2025)