



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR KATHLEEN S. THURBER

Maj Kathleen S. Thurber serves as an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and Operations Officer at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 765, The Citadel.

Maj Thurber graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors from The University of South Carolina earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations. She received her commission with Distinguished Graduate Honors through AFROTC Detachment 775.

Prior to her current position, Maj Thurber served as the Operations Officer in the 315th Force Support Squadron at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. There she oversaw mission operations for base personnel and provided support services for 21 reserve units. For the remainder of her time at Joint Base Charleston, she served as the Sustainment Services Flight Commander. In that role she oversaw the execution of over 2,200 fitness assessments and coordinated over 1,900 hours of training in food services, lodging, fitness, and readiness. She began her personnel career at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, supporting undergraduate pilot training and the base community.



EDUCATION

2005 Bachelor of Arts, Public Relations, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
2005 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2006 Distinguished Graduate Manpower and Personnel Officer Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
2012 Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Adams State University, Alamosa, Colorado
2015 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2005 – February 2007, Chief, Customer Support, 14th Mission Support Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. May 2015 – August 2016, Manpower and Personnel Flight Commander, 315th Force Support Squadron, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.
3. August 2016 – April 2018, Sustainment Services Flight Commander, 315th Force Support Squadron, JB Charleston, S.C.
4. April 2018 – August 2018, Operations Officer, 315th Force Support Squadron, JB Charleston, S.C.
5. August 2018 – Present, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Det 765, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 8, 2005

First Lieutenant April 1, 2010

Captain April 1, 2012

Major October 1, 2019

(CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 2021)