



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN HEATHER C. VARNER

Capt Heather C. Varner is the Operations Flight Commander and Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 765, The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina. Responsibilities of her current position include overseeing all training activities for one of the largest cadet corps in the Air Force.

Capt Varner entered the Air Force in 2013 through ROTC from The University of Central Florida. She completed intelligence officer training in May 2014 and since then has held a variety of intelligence positions to include Signals Intelligence Mission Management Flight Commander and Chief of Wing Intelligence for the 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Prior to her current position, the Captain served as the Executive Officer for the 97th Operations Group. In that role, she revamped the Operations Group award process and prepped for Air Education Training Command's (AETC) student production increase. All of her efforts contributed to the 97th Operations Group winning the 19th Air Force Top Gray Tail Operations Group of the Year Award.



EDUCATION

2013 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science: International Relations, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla.

2014 Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas.

2016 Master of Science, Intelligence Studies, American Military University, Charles Town, W. Va.

2018 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2013 – May 2014, Student, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 2014 – March 2015, Assistant Intelligence Flight Commander, 8th Intelligence Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
3. March 2015 – April 2016, SIGINT Mission Management Flight Commander, 8th Intelligence Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
4. April 2016 – June 2016, Section Commander, 8th Intelligence Squadron, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
5. June 2016 – April 2018, Chief of Wing Intelligence, 97th Operations Support Squadron, Altus AFB, Okla.
6. April 2018 – June 2019, Executive Officer, 97th Operations Group, Altus AFB, Okla.
7. June 2019 – July 2020, Assistant Operations Flight Commander, AFROTC Detachment 765, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
8. July 2020 – Present, Operations Flight Commander, AFROTC Detachment 765, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 AETC Small Intelligence Unit of the Year
2017 AETC Small Intelligence Unit of the Year
2018 19AF Top Gray Tail Operations Group of the Year

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Permanent member, Military Order of the World Wars

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION [MILITARY ONLY]

Second Lieutenant May 5, 2013
First Lieutenant June 30, 2015
Captain June 30, 2017

(CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 2021)