



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL KRISTI N. BUCZEK

Lt Col Kristi Buczek is the Commander, 24th Training Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. She is responsible for leading the training, commissioning, and full-spectrum of operations over 3,700 Total Force warrior-minded leaders of character across both the Air and Space Forces. Her team of 51 officer and enlisted instructors lead classes of 410 officer trainees to hone their skills as Mission Ready Airmen focused on decision making, expeditionary skills training, war-gaming, rapid mobilization, and mission execution.

Lt Col Buczek earned her commission in 2008 through Officer Training School following her graduation from Chapman University. She has served in a multitude of operational and staff assignments including flight operations, research Program Manager, and MAJCOM Executive Officer. Prior to her current position, Lt Col Buczek was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Leader Development at Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Lt Col Buczek has led in a variety of flying and supervisory positions in the C-130, MQ-1, and MQ-9 aircraft. She has served as an instructor and evaluator pilot in the MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper. As an operational Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance and attack aviator, she has flown numerous combat missions directly supporting Operations NEW DAWN, JUKEBOX LOTUS, ENDURING FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE.



### EDUCATION

- 2006 Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria, Calif.
- 2007 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Chapman University, Santa Maria, Calif.
- 2010 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Masters of Business Administration in Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W.Va.
- 2014 Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2017 Aircraft Mishap Investigation Course, Dyess AFB, Texas
- 2019 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2021 Master of Arts in Strategic Military Studies (DG), Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2023 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2025 Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, University of Houston, Houston, Texas

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 08 – August 09, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
2. August 09 – March 10, C-130 Navigator Course, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

3. March 10 - October 11, HC-130 P/N Navigator Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.  
(Accepted to Navigator-RPA program)
4. October 11 – June 12, Undergraduate Remotely Piloted Aircraft Course, Randolph AFB, Texas
5. June 12 – September 12, MQ-1 Flight Training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
6. September 12 – February 16, Chief of Scheduling/Flight Commander/MQ-1 Instructor Pilot, 18 RS, Creech AFB, Nev.  
(December 13 – April 14, Chief of Weapons/MQ-1 Launch and Recovery Pilot, 46 ERS, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait)  
(August 15 – December 15, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Liaison, 603 AOC, Ramstein AB, Germany)
7. February 16 – September 18, Chief of Inspections/MQ-1 Instructor Pilot, 6 ATKS; Chief of Wing Scheduling/MQ-9 Instructor Pilot, 49 OSS; Current Operations Flight Commander/MQ-9 FE, 49 OSS, Holloman AFB, N.M.
8. September 18 – May 20, Multi-Domain Operations Exercise Director, 711 HPW/RHA; Executive Officer, HQ AFMC A3/6, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. May 20 – May 22, Student, ACSC; Fellow/Instructor/Military Advisor, ACSC, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. May 22 – June 25, Doctoral Student, University of Houston, AFIT, Houston, Texas
11. June 25 – Current, Assistant Professor, ACSC; Commander, 24 Training Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior RPA Pilot

Flight Hours: Over 1,300

Aircraft Flown: C-130, HC-130, MQ-1, MQ-9

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

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Remote Combat Effects Campaign Medal with three service stars

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2017 CGO of the Year, 49 OSS

2018 12 AF Women in Service

2018 49 OG Lance P. Sijan

2019 FGO IP of the Year, 54 OSS

2021 Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College

2025 Military Educator of the Year, Department of Leader Development, Air Command and Staff College

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

Second Lieutenant            June 18, 2008

First Lieutenant                June 18, 2010

Captain                            June 18, 2012

Major                                April 1, 2018

Lieutenant Colonel            December 1, 2022

**(Current as of June 2026)**