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LIEUTENANT COLONEL RYAN H. YOUNG

Lieutenant Colonel Ryan H. Young is the Commander, 22d Training Support Squadron, United States Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Lt Col Young is responsible for the training, commissioning, and full-spectrum operations of over 3,700 Air Force Active Duty, Reserve, Air National Guard, and Space Force officers annually. Additionally, he is responsible for a \$75 million world-class campus, including numerous field training sites.

Lt Col Young received his commission through Air Force ROTC in May 2010. A career Combat Systems Officer, Navigator, and Weapons Officer, he has enjoyed assignments in Air Force Special Operations Command as an MC-130P/J evaluator Combat Systems Officer and Weapons Instructor. While planning and executing special operations missions in hostile and politically sensitive environments, Lt Col. Young has served in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, OPERATION FREEDOM SENTINEL, OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE, and many humanitarian relief and contingency operations throughout Europe, South America, Africa, and Asia. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Operations Officer of the 24th Training Squadron, where he was responsible for producing 56 percent of Department of Air Force Officers and Space Force Officers.



EDUCATION

2010 Bachelor of Education in Clinical Exercise Physiology, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

2010 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL

2016 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2018 Weapons Instructor Course, Hurlburt Field, FL

2019 Electronic Combat Coordination Course, Pensacola NAS, FL

2022 Leadership Development Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

2023 Joint Air Operations Planning Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

2024 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

2024 Masters of Art in Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2011 - November 2011, Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training, NAS Pensacola, FL

2. March 2012 – August 2012, C-130E/H Initial Qualification Training, Little Rock AFB, AR

3. November 2012 – May 2013, MC-130P Initial Qualification Training, Kirtland AFB, NM

4. July 2013 – October 2014, MC-130P Navigator, Chief Current Operations Officer, 9th Special Operations Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL

5. October 2014 – May 2015, MC-130P Navigator, Executive Officer, Chief of Training, 1st Special Operations Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL





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6. June 2015 – October 2015, MC-130J Initial Qualification Training, Kirtland AFB, NM
7. October 2015 – January 2018, MC-130J Evaluator Combat Systems Officer, Chief of Mobility, Flight Commander, 9th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
8. January 2018 – July 2018, Weapons Instructor Undergraduate, 14th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
9. July 2018 – May 2019, Weapons Instructor, Flight Commander, 9th Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
10. May 2019 – October 2020, Weapons Instructor, Chief of Standards and Evaluations, Chief Executive Officer, 353d Special Operations Group, Kadena AB, JP
11. October 2020 – December 2021, Weapons Instructor, Chief Executive Officer, 353d Special Operations Wing, Kadena AB, JP
12. December 2021 – June 2023, Weapons Instructor, Assistant Operations Officer, 1st Special Operations Squadron, Kadena AB, JP
13. June 2023 – May 2024, Student Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
14. May 2024 – March 2025, Operations Officer, 24th Training Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
15. March 2025 – Present, Commander, 22d Training Support Squadron, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Combat Systems Officer/Weapons Instructor

Flight Hours: More than 2,800, including more than 504 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: MC-130J, MC-130P, C-130H, C-130E, HC-130J, MC-130H, CV-22, T-1A, T-6A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with "C" device with five oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

NATO Medal

Lieutenant General Nowak Logistics Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 2010

First Lieutenant May 2012

Captain May 2014

Major April 2020

Lieutenant Colonel January 2025

(Current as of March 2025)

