



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### Major Shawn M. Kitchin

Major Shawn M. Kitchin is Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), Detachment 800, at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. He serves as the unit's admissions officer, responsible for recruiting, training, motivating and counseling roughly 100 highly-qualified young men and women as prospective Air Force officers. He instructs a senior-level course on national security affairs and preparation for active duty.

Major Kitchin enlisted in the Air Force in December 1987 and served as a personnel manager. As a staff sergeant, he was selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program and graduated from Wright State University in 1999. Later that year he was commissioned through Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB in Alabama. As a Communications and Information Officer, he served as a Crew Commander in Air Force Space Command's Network Operations and Security Center, defending and protecting the command's critical information technology assets. He also served as the Communications Flight Commander in a munitions squadron in the Netherlands where he led a team of highly skilled Airmen in direct support of NATO's nuclear mission. He later served as an Executive Officer for the Communications and Information Director and as the Director of Operations, Multimedia Division, at the National Air and Space Intelligence Center where he was instrumental in producing integrated, predictive air, space and specialized intelligence to the warfighter, enabling military operations, force modernization and national policymaking. He assumed his current position in July 2008.



#### EDUCATION:

- 1991 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory School, K.I. Sawyer AFB MI
- 1999 Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, Wright State University, Dayton OH
- 2000 Basic Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB MS
- 2004 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB AL
- 2007 Master of Business Administration, University of Phoenix, Phoenix AZ
- 2008 Advanced Communications Officer Training, Keesler AFB MS

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mar 1988 - Aug 1991, Personnel Specialist, 410th Combat Support Squadron (SAC), K.I. Sawyer AFB MI
2. Aug 1991 - Dec 1996, NCOIC, Senior Officer Management, HQ Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC), Wright-Patterson AFB OH
3. Jan 1997 - Jun 1999, Student (AETC), Wright State University, Dayton OH
4. Mar 2000 - Jan 2001, Staff Officer, HQ Air Force Space Command (AFSPC), Peterson AFB CO
5. Feb 2001 - Nov 2001, Crew Commander, Network Operations and Security Center, HQ Air Force Space Command (AFSPC), Peterson AFB CO
6. Dec 2001 - Dec 2004, Communications Flight Commander, 752d Munitions Support Squadron (USAFE), Volkel AB Netherlands
7. Jan 2005 - Dec 2005, C4I System Program Manager, National Air and Space Intelligence Center (AIA), Wright-Patterson AFB OH
8. Jan 2006 - Oct 2006, Chief, Plans and Programs Branch, National Air and Space Intelligence Center (AIA), Wright-Patterson AFB OH

9. Nov 2006 - Nov 2007, Executive Officer, Directorate of Communications and Information, National Air and Space Intelligence Center (AIA), Wright-Patterson AFB OH
10. Dec 2007 - Jun 2008, Director of Operations, Multimedia Information Division, National Air and Space Intelligence Center (AIA), Wright-Patterson AFB OH
11. Jul 2008 - Present, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 800 (AETC), University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Air and Space Campaign Medal with bronze star

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

2007 Company Grade Officer of the Year, Communications and Information Directorate, National Air and Space Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson AFB OH  
2004 Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, 38th Combat Support Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany  
2003 Company Grade Officer of the Year, 703d Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel AB, Netherlands  
2003 Comm. and Information Company Grade Officer of the Year, 52d Maintenance Group, Spangdahlem AB, Germany  
2001 Air Force Space Command Comm. and Information Company Grade Officer of the Year, Peterson AFB CO  
2000 Company Grade Officer of the Year, Headquarters Air Force Space Command Communications Support Squadron, Peterson AFB CO  
1994 and 1995 Personnel Manager of the Year, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB OH  
1993 Airman of the Year, 88<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB OH  
1991 John Levitow Leadership Award, Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory School, K. I. Sawyer AFB MI

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant, 30 September 1999  
First Lieutenant, 30 September 2001  
Captain, 30 September 2003  
Major, 1 July 2009

(Current as of Oct 2009)