



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MATTHEW E. TIPTON

Colonel Matthew E. Tipton is the Director, Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is responsible for the Air Force's high school citizenship training program comprised of about 84,450 students and 1,600 instructors at approximately 830 high schools worldwide. Colonel Tipton directs staff initiatives and policy to implement the world's largest and most comprehensive aerospace science education program.

Colonel Tipton received his commission in 2003 through the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Alabama. After graduating from Combat Systems Officer Training at Randolph AFB, he was assigned as an electronic warfare officer to the EC-130H COMPASS CALL. Colonel Tipton has had a variety of operational and staff assignments, including squadron command. He has deployed to support air operations over Iraq and Afghanistan.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Tipton served as the Deputy Director for Strategy and Concepts at the LeMay Center for Doctrine Development.



EDUCATION

- 2003 Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- 2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2009 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2011 Master of Arts in International Relations, Troy University, Troy Alabama
- 2015 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2022 Air War College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2003 – September 2004, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Moody AFB, Georgia
2. October 2004 – September 2005, Student, Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. October 2005 – January 2007, Student, EC-130H Initial Qualification Training, 42d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
4. January 2007 – May 2009, Weapons and Tactics Officer, Chief of Ground Training, and Instructor EC-130H Mission Crew Commander, 43d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
5. June 2009 – December 2010, Flight Commander, Simulator Training Flight, Evaluator EC-130H Mission Crew Commander, 42d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
6. December 2010 – July 2014, EC-130H Subject Matter Expert, Flight Commander, and Assistant Director of Operations, 561st Joint Tactics Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
7. July 2014 – June 2015, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
8. June 2015 – February 2016, Political Advisor, 65th Air Base Group, Lajes Field, Portugal
9. February 2016 – November 2018, Military Advisor, Office of Security and Human Rights, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C.
10. November 2018 – May 2020, Director of Operations, 42d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona

11. June 2020 – June 2022, Commander, 362nd Recruiting Squadron, March Air Reserve Base, California.
12. July 2022 – June 2024, Deputy Director for Strategy and Concepts, The LeMay Center, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
13. June 2024 – Present, Director, Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 17, 2003
First Lieutenant	May 28, 2005
Captain	May 28, 2007
Major	November 1, 2013
Lieutenant Colonel	June 1, 2018
Colonel	November 1, 2024

(Current as of November 2024)