



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW E. TIPTON

Lieutenant 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 85,000 students and 1,600 instructors at approximately 850 high schools worldwide. Lieutenant Colonel Tipton directs staff initiatives and policy to implement the world's largest and most comprehensive aerospace science education program.

Lieutenant 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. In 2010 he was assigned to the 561st Joint Tactics Squadron where he worked advanced integration tactics, techniques, and procedures. In 2016, Lieutenant Colonel Tipton was assigned as the military advisor to the Office of Security and Human Rights, U.S. Department of State, where he oversaw security force assistance human rights vetting requests. Following this he was the director of operations for the Air Force's only EC-130H formal training unit and later commanded the 362d Recruiting Squadron. Prior to his current assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Tipton served as the Deputy Director for Strategy and Concepts at the LeMay Center for Doctrine Development.



Lieutenant Colonel Tipton is a senior navigator. He is married to Lindsay, and they have three awesome children: Duke, Laurel, and Cade.

#### 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 Officer 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

(Current as of June 2024)