



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DERRICK J. IWANENKO

Col Derrick J. Iwanenko is the Commandant at the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Officer Training School commissions and trains approximately 3,300 total force line and non-line officers annually for the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard through Total Force Officer Training programs. Officer Training School encompasses three squadrons, a \$75 million world-class campus, including numerous field training sites, and is the largest training campus within Air University and Maxwell Air Force Base.

Col Iwanenko graduated in 2001 from Oklahoma State University and earned his commission through the college's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Detachment 670. With more than 22 years of active-duty service, Col Iwanenko has logged more than 1,700 combined flight hours while flying on the E-8 Joint Strategic Attack Radar System and E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft as an operator, instructor, and evaluator, as well as amassed more than 450 control and reporting center hours while conducting combat operations. He has worked in various staff positions at the group, wing, and sub-unified Joint Staff levels. In addition, he served as the first-ever command and control liaison officer to the Turkish Air Force



supporting combat operations in Syria and deployed in support of multiple combat operations to include Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE. In addition, Col Iwanenko served as the Director of the Leader Development Course for Squadron Command, where he led a team of 24 support staff, military and academic instructors while managing a \$2.6 million budget for more than 1,000 students annually for the largest squadron commander course in the U.S. Air and Space Force. Prior to his current position, Col Iwanenko served as the Deputy Commandant at the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science, Nutritional Sciences, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.

2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2002 Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Air Battle Manager School, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2010 Master of Arts, American Military University, Manassas, Va.

2011 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2012 Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University, Norfolk, Va.

2013 Army Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, Kan.

2016 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2017 Doctorate in Education, Organizational Leadership, Northcentral University, San Diego, Calif.

2021 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2002 – March 2003, Student Air Battle Manager, 325th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
2. July 2003 – May 2004, E-8C Student Air Weapons Officer, 330th Combat Training Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
3. June 2004 – July 2005, E-8C Air Battle Manager, Air Weapons Officer, 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
4. August 2005 – December 2005, E-8C Instructor Air Weapons Officer, 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
5. January 2006 – October 2006, Wing Mission Development, 116th Operations Support Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
6. November 2006 – May 2007, E-3 Student Air Weapons Officer, 552nd Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. June 2007 – April 2008, E-3 ABM Air Weapons Officer, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
8. May 2008 – July 2009, Officer-in-charge, Group Combat Plans and Tactics, 552nd Operations Support Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
9. August 2009 – April 2011, Wing Executive Officer, 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.
10. May 2011 – April 2012, Commander's Initiatives Group Air Force Analyst, Yongsan, Korea
11. June 2012 – June 2013, Student, Army Command General Staff College, Leavenworth, Kan.
12. July 2013 – June 2016, Assistant Director of Operations, 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
13. July 2016 – May 2018, Director of Operations, 81st Range Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
14. June 2018 – July 2019, Commander, 81st Range Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
15. August 2019 – June 2020, Commander, 81st Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
16. July 2020 – May 2021, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. June 2021 – May 2022, Director, Leader Development Course for Squadron Command, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
18. May 2022 – December 2023, Deputy Commandant, Officer Training School, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
19. December 2023 – present, Commandant, Officer Training School, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala

RATED INFORMATION

Rating: Master Air Battle Manager

Flight hours: more than 1,700

Aircraft flown: E-8C, E-3B/C/G

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air and Space Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

PUBLICATIONS

"Strategic Approach to Combat Transnational Organized Crime," CGSC Foundation Press, Interagency Paper, No 14W, 2014

"Leadership Development in the United States Air Force: A Qualitative Multiple Case Study," ProQuest Dissertation Publishing, 2017

"The Commander's Chronicles: Exploring Leadership Theory Through Case Study Design," Winner, U.S. Air Force Senior Leadership Innovation Award, Air War College, Air University, 2021

"How Learning Occurred in a Group Leadership Education Program – The Importance of "Ba", "Omoi", and Psychological Safety," International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, 2023

"Developing Leader's Ethical Capacities: Using the Ethical Leadership Decision-Making Framework," Air University Press, 2023

"Leadership-How the Research Process Revealed a Novel Way of Teaching and Learning," The Journal for Military Learning, 2023, Winner, SAGE Publishing's Most Publishable Leadership Education Paper, ILA, Vancouver, CA, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec. 25, 2001

First Lieutenant Dec. 25, 2003

Captain Dec. 25, 2005

Major Dec. 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 2016

Colonel July 1, 2022

(Current as of January 2024)