



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER J. BRUNKE

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Brunke is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 905 at Washington State University and University of Idaho. He is responsible for recruiting, educating, training, and inspiring over 80 cadets to become officers who are warriors and leaders of character for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force. As commander, Lieutenant Colonel Brunke chairs the Department of Aerospace Studies and teaches national security studies, the profession of arms, and leadership ethics.



Lieutenant Colonel Brunke was commissioned in 2005 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduating from the University of Portland with a degree in electrical engineering. In 2006 he completed advanced electronic warfare training at Randolph AFB before spending six and a half years commanding missions in the EC-130H COMPASS CALL culminating as an Instructor and Evaluator Mission Crew Commander. From 2013 to 2017, he was a T-1A instructor combat systems officer (CSO) teaching at undergraduate CSO training at NAS Pensacola, FL. Afterwards he was sent to be an instructor at the Air University where he was selected to complete a PhD in residence at the University of Georgia through the Air University Faculty Advanced Academic Degree program. Most recently, after completing his PhD, he served as the Department Chair of Strategy and Security Studies at the Global College of Professional Military Education at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Brunke is a Senior Combat Systems Officer with more than 1400 hours in electronic warfare and training aircraft. He has 586 combat hours in the EC-130H supporting special forces and conventional ground forces with electronic attack and non-kinetic close air support in Afghanistan and Iraq. He has deployed seven times to not only Iraq and Afghanistan, but also Colombia, Qatar, and the Republic of Korea. He also worked in Botswana as an advisor assisting the Botswanan Defence Force Air Arm in developing their own Professional Military Education programs. He is married with two children and enjoys the outdoors, science, photography, travel, and most of all, spending time with his family.

EDUCATION

2005 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of Portland, OR

2005 Air and Space Basic Course, Residence, Maxwell AFB, AL

2012 Squadron Officer School, Residence, Maxwell AFB, AL

2013 Master of Science in International Relations, Troy University, Troy, AL

2015 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence, Maxwell AFB, AL

2021 Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science and International Affairs, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2023 Air War College, Correspondence, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2005 – October 2006, student, undergraduate CSO/EWO training, Randolph AFB, Texas
2. Feb 2007 – Aug 2013 examiner mission crew commander and flight commander of syllabus management, 42nd Electronic Combat Squadron and 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis Monthan AFB, AZ.

3. September 2013 – January 2017, instructor combat systems officer assistant director of operations for academics, 479th Operations Support Squadron, 479th Flying Training Group, NAS Pensacola, FL.
4. February 2017 – July 2018, Joint Forces Course Director, eSchool of Graduate PME, Maxwell AFB, FL 5. August 2018 – October 2021, AFIT PhD Student, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
6. November 2021 – June 2024, Department Chair and Assistant Professor, Strategy and Security Studies, Global College of PME, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. July 2024 – Present, Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 905 (AETC), Washington State University, WA

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Combat Systems officer

Flight hours: More than 1,400

Aircraft flown: T-1A, EC-130H, T-43A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Air and Space Overseas Service Ribbon Long

NATO Medal-Afghanistan

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jun. 1, 2005

First Lieutenant Jun. 1, 2007

Captain Jun. 1, 2009

Major Oct. 1, 2015

Lieutenant Colonel Apr. 1, 2020

(Current as of July 2024)

