



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL JASON K. CLIFFORD

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□ Col. Clifford enlisted with the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 106th Civil Engineering Squadron in 1999. He was selected for commissioning in G001, transitioned to active duty and completed navigator training in G00G. He deployed sixteen times in his career with the 15th Reconnaissance Squadron as a Navigator, with the 11th Special Operations Squadron as a Fire Control Operator, with the 73rd Special Operations Squadron as a Combat Systems Operator, and with the 169 Air Support Operations Squadron as an Air Liaison Officer and Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC). Lt. Col. Clifford has served in many capacities throughout his career and has participated in broad missions sets such as Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI

FREEDOM. In addition to being selected to serve as initial cadre for the 73rd Special Operations Squadron's transition to the MC-130W Dragon Spear gunship mission, Lt. Col. Clifford served as the Commander of the 169th Air Support Operations Squadron and as the ANG Liaison to AFSOC A5/8 at Hurlburt Field, FL prior to his current position.

#### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Art, Historic Preservation, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA

2008 U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2008 Master of Business Administration, Touro University International, Cypress, Calif.

2014 U.S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL, via correspondence

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. May 2001–July 2002, Student Navigator, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, Randolph Air Force Base, TX
2. July 2002–July 2004, Navigator, 45th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
3. July 2004–August 2005, Air Operations Officer, 45th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE
4. August 2005–May 2007, Fire Control Officer, 4th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
5. May 2007–December 2008, Assistant Chief of Mobility, 4th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
6. December 2008–December 2009, Chief of Aircrew Life Equipment, 4th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
7. December 2009–January 2011, Flight Commander, 73rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
8. January 2011–January 2012, Executive Officer, 73rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
9. January 2012–December 2012, Training Officer, 169th Air Support Operations Squadron, Peoria, IL
10. December 2012–July 2015, Director of Operations, 169th Air Support Operations Squadron, Peoria, IL
11. July 2015–June 2017, Commander, 169th Air Support Operations Squadron, Peoria, IL
12. June 2017–June 2019, ANG Liaison to AFSOC A5/8, Hurlburt Field, FL
13. June 2019–Present, Operations Officer/Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Det 867, Norwich University, Northfield, VT

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Master navigator

Flight hours: More than 3,000, including more than 1,200 combat hours and 200 combat missions

Aircraft flown: RC-135 Cobra Ball, RC-135 Combat Sent, AC-130U Spooky, MC-130W Dragon Spear

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Air Force Combat Action Medal with service star

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 24, 2001

First Lieutenant May 24, 2003

Captain May 24, 2005

Major Jan. 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 9, 2016

**(Current as of August 2020)**