



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE



### LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAYMOND M. RUSCOE

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond M. Ruscoe is the Commander of the 38th Student Squadron, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL. As the Commander, he is responsible for the morale, health and welfare of 250 active, reserve, guard, sister service, and international officers within the Intermediate Developmental Educational program. In this position, he provides instruction, professional development, and mentorship to officers within the profession of arms, while setting the conditions for a positive environment conducive to inspiring lifelong learning.

Prior to assuming command duties, Lieutenant Colonel Ruscoe was the Deputy Division Chief for International Affairs, Foreign Disclosure, and Treaty Compliance, at Headquarters, United States Space Force, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. As the Deputy Division Chief, Lieutenant Colonel Ruscoe developed, implemented, and managed all international plans and policies for the United States Space Force, while providing counsel to senior military and civilian leaders. Moreover, Lieutenant Colonel Ruscoe directed the headquarters' international partnership efforts, developed strategic engagement strategies, and represented command equities in various negotiations. He was also responsible for overseeing the implementation and management of the headquarters foreign disclosure, visit, and military exchange programs.



Lieutenant Colonel Ruscoe earned his doctorate under the Air Force Institute of Technology, Civilian Institution Program while studying at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. His primary research explored deviations in deterrence resulting from variations in acquisition of high-end disruptive technology.

Lieutenant Colonel Ruscoe commissioned in 2002 from the Air Force's Officer Training School and recommissioned into the United States Space Force in 2020. He has served at the squadron, center, academic, Major Command, and Headquarters Air Force and Space Force levels, in addition to deploying overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa in Djibouti as well as the 609th Air and Space Operations Center in Qatar.

#### EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH
- 2002 Officer Training School, Maxwell, AFB, AL
- 2002 Basic Space Operator Course, Vandenberg AFB, CA
- 2003 Basic Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Qualification Course, Minuteman III, Vandenberg, AFB, CA
- 2007 Masters of Arts Degree, National Security, American Military University, Charleston, WV
- 2007 Initial Space Operator Course, Schriever, AFB, CO
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell, AFB, AL
- 2009 Advanced Space Operator Course, Peterson, AFB, CO
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
- 2016 Capstone Space Operator Course, Peterson, AFB, CO
- 2020 Doctorate of Philosophy, Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. January 2003 - February 2007, Missile Combat Crew Commander, 321st Missile Squadron, FE Warren, AFB, WY
2. January 2006 - May 2006, Senior Watch Officer, Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa
3. March 2007 - April 2009, Space Awareness Duty Officer, 614 Air and Space Operations Center, Vandenberg, AFB, CA
4. May 2009 - February 2010, Chief, Space Situational Awareness Training, 614 Air and Space Operations Center, Vandenberg, AFB, CA
5. March 2010 - December 2010, Executive Officer, 614 Air and Space Operations Center, Vandenberg, AFB, CA
6. January 2011 - March 2012, Deputy Chief, Space Control Branch, Headquarters, Air Force, Directorate of Operational Plans and Requirements, Pentagon, Washington, DC
7. April 2012 - April 2013, Executive Officer, Headquarters, Air Force, Directorate of Operational Plans and Requirements, Pentagon, Washington, DC
8. October 2013 - February 2014, Executive Officer & Space Duty Officer, 609 Air and Space Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
9. May 2013 - September 2014, Strategist, Air-Sea Battle, Headquarters, Air Force, Directorate of Operational Planning, Policy and Strategy, Pentagon, Washington, DC
10. September 2014 - April 2015, Academic Instructor and Advisor, Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
11. April 2015 - July 2016, Director of Staff, Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
12. August 2016 - August 2019, Doctoral Candidate, Air Force Institute of Technology/Civilian Institutions Program, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Pittsburgh, PA
13. August 2019 – May 2020, Deputy Chief, International Affairs, Foreign Disclosure, and Treaty Compliance Division, Headquarters, United States Space Force, Peterson, AFB, CO
14. June 2020 – Present, Commander, 38th Student Squadron, Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with N Device

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant April 5, 2002  
First Lieutenant April 5, 2004  
Captain April 5, 2006  
Major February 1, 2012  
Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 2017

(Current as of January 2021)