



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ANDREW J. SWARTZER

Colonel Andrew Swartzter is the Vice Commandant and Dean of Education at the Global College of Professional Military Education (GCPME), Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. GCPME is responsible for leading Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), Civilian Leadership Development School (CLDS), and all Officer and Enlisted Distance Learning Professional Military Education programs, representing more than 450,000 USAF Active Duty, Guard and Reserve, DAF Civilian, and Sister Service students, and more than 7,000 faculty.

Colonel Swartzter was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Auburn University in 1998 where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences. He has served as a Missile Combat Crew Commander in the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile System, Satellite Vehicle Operator in the Global Positioning System and as Executive Officer to the United States Strategic Command J7. He has held a variety of Joint Training and United States Air Force Professional Military Education Assignments. In 2020, he earned his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in History of Technology where he graduated with distinction and received the 2021 Auburn University Distinguished Dissertation Award. Prior to his current position, he was an Assistant Professor and the Associate Dean of Education for Operations/A3 at the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.



EDUCATION

- 1999 Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Sciences, Auburn University, Auburn, AL
- 2002 Master of Science in Administration, Information Resources Management, Central Michigan University, Minot AFB, ND
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2004 Advanced Space Training - Navigation Operations, Space Operations School, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2007 Master of Science, Adult Education, Troy University, Montgomery, AL
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
- 2010 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, JPME Phase II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2014 Air War College, Correspondence
- 2020 Doctor of Philosophy, History of Technology, Auburn University, Auburn AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1998 – January 1999, Student, Undergraduate Space and Missile Training & Missile Initial Qualification Training, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA
2. January 1999 – October 1999, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND

3. October 1999 – October 2000, Instructor, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, MM III ICBM, 91st Operations Support Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
4. October 2000 – December 2001, Missile Combat Crew Commander, Alternate Command Post, Minuteman III ICBM, 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
5. December 2001 – February 2002, Student, Satellite Vehicle Operator Training, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, CA
6. February 2002 – August 2002, Global Positioning System (GPS) Satellite Vehicle Operator, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever, AFB, CO
7. August 2002 – August 2003, Nuclear Detonation Detection Subsystem Tactics and Payload Mission Officer, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever, AFB, CO
8. August 2003 – June 2004, Analysis Branch Chief, GPS Modernization, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever, AFB, CO
9. June 2005 – February 2005, Deputy Flight Commander, Operations Support, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever, AFB, CO
10. February 2005 – June 2005, Flight Commander, 32nd Student Squadron, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. June 2005 – June 2006, Assistant Director of Operations, 32nd Student Squadron, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
12. June 2006 – June 2007, Chief of Training, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
13. July 2007 – October 2008, Director of Operations, SOS Curriculum, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell AFB, AL
14. October 2008 – September 2009, Joint Training Division, Operations Observer/Trainer, Joint Warfighting Center, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, VA
15. September 2009 – September 2011, Joint Training Division, Operations Lead Observer/Trainer, Joint Warfighting Center, United States Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, VA
16. October 2011 – June 2012, Chief, Joint Training Plans Branch, Joint Exercises and Training Directorate (J7), United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE
17. July 2012 – August 2013, Executive Officer, Joint Exercises and Training Directorate (J7), United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE
18. August 2013 – October 2014, Chief, Joint Exercise Support Branch, Joint Exercises and Training Directorate (J7), United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE
19. October 2014 – June 2015, Chief, Space and Cyberspace Branch, Joint Exercises and Training Directorate (J7), United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE
20. June 2015 – July 2016, Academic Instructor/Advisor, Department of Airpower, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
21. July 2016 – August 2017, Deputy Department Chair, Department of Airpower, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
22. August 2017 – July 2020, Student, Department of History, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
23. August 2020 – January 2022, Assistant Professor, Department of Airpower, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
24. January 2022 – June 2024, Associate Dean of Education (Operations)/A3, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
25. July 2024 – September 2024, Interim Commandant and Vice Commandant, Global College of Professional Military Education, Maxwell AFB, AL
26. September 2024 – March 2025, Vice Commandant, Global College of Professional Military Education, Maxwell AFB, AL
27. April 2025 – Present, Vice Commandant and Dean of Education, Global College of Professional Military Education, Maxwell AFB, AL

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2008 – September 2011, Lead Observer Trainer, Deployable Training Team, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Virginia
2. October 2011 – May 2015, Branch Chief and Executive Officer, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with four oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 Distinguished Graduate, Satellite Vehicle Operator Training
2020 Graduate of Distinction, Department of History, Auburn University, Auburn, AL
2021 Distinguished Dissertation Award, Auburn University, Auburn, AL

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	March 20, 1998
First Lieutenant	April 17, 2000
Captain	April 17, 2002
Major	August 1, 2007
Lieutenant Colonel	January 1, 2013
Colonel	September 1, 2024

(CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 2025)