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COLONEL CHARLES D. LAUBACH

Colonel Charles D. Laubach is Professor of Strategy and Security Studies at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is responsible for educating a diverse cohort of Joint Force and international officers participating in the Department of the Air Force's Advanced Studies Group program. The school graduates over forty students annually, educating graduates in military theory, policy, and history. Colonel Laubach also advises students in researching and writing masters-level theses addressing the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's strategic priorities.

Colonel Laubach received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Oklahoma State University. After completing intelligence officer training, he qualified as an Information Integration Officer flying on the RC-135V/W RIVET JOINT. He has held various intelligence positions at the squadron level, as well as instructing at the RC-135 Formal Training Unit and the USAF Weapons School. He also served as the Director of Operations for the 315th Training Squadron where he was responsible for training over 3,000 USAF intelligence professionals annually. Additionally, Colonel Laubach commanded the 97th Intelligence Squadron, where he was responsible for organizing, training, and equipping the Air Force's largest RC-135 unit comprised of over 400 cryptologic aviators conducting global intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations in support of multiple Combatant Commands. Prior to his current position, Colonel Laubach was a graduate student at The Ohio State University where he completed his doctorate in military history.



Colonel Laubach has deployed multiple times as an RC-135 crewmember, as well as serving in deployed staff positions at the Combined Air Operations Center at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. He has over 2,000 flying hours in the RC-135V/W including more than 1,000 combat hours supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
2003 Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
2007 US Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2009 Master of Arts in Economics, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
2016 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2017 School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2023 National Security Agency Director's Fellowship, Fort Meade, Maryland (Senior Developmental Education)
2024 Master of Arts in History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
2026 Doctor of Philosophy in History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2003 – February 2004, Student, Intelligence Officer Training, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
2. March 2004 – August 2005, Assistant Flight Commander, Airborne Operations, 488th Intelligence Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom



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3. September 2005 – May 2007, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 488th Intelligence Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
4. May 2007 – November 2008, Flight Commander, Force Applications, 97th Intelligence Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
5. December 2008 – June 2010, Chief, Information Integration Officer and Weapons Officer, 338th Combat Training Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
6. June 2010 – January 2012, Intelligence Weapons Instructor, 19th Weapons Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada
7. February 2012 – July 2013, Chief, Threat and ISR Integration, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
8. August 2013 – July 2015, Director of Operations, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
9. July 2015 – June 2016, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
10. June 2016 – June 2017, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
11. June 2017 – June 2019, NATO Plans Officer, US European Command, Stuttgart, Germany
12. June 2019 – June 2021, Commander, 97th Intelligence Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
13. June 2021 – June 2022, Deputy Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division, 609th Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
14. July 2022 – July 2023, Director's Fellow, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland
15. August 2023 – June 2026, Doctoral Student, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
16. June 2026 – Present, Professor of Strategy and Security Studies, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2017 – June 2019, NATO Plans Officer, US European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, as a major/lieutenant colonel
2. June 2021 – June 2022, Deputy Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division, 609th Air Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar, as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Aeronautical Badge: Senior Non-rated Officer Aircrew

Flight hours: 2057

Aircraft flown: RC-135V/W

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Unit Award with seven oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Medal with oak leaf cluster



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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 2003

First Lieutenant May 28, 2005

Captain May 28, 2007

Major October 1, 2013

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2018

Colonel July 1, 2024

(Current as of August 2026)