



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES P. HEWETT JR.

Lt Col James P. Hewett Jr. currently serves as the Commander, 31st Student Squadron at Squadron Officer School located at Maxwell AFB. As commander, he leads nineteen instructors and over 1,000 USAF officers, civilians, and international officers through the Air Force's \$24M Professional Military Education leadership course each year. Prior to taking this assignment, Lt Col Hewett served as Commander on four separate occasions including deployed and CONUS locations. Lt Col Hewett was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and he graduated from the University of Alabama where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and commissioned through the U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp., in 2004. Prior to serving in the command role, Lt Col Hewett has served at various positions within the career field including flight commander, OIC of Logistics and Operations officer. In addition to his home station assignments, he has deployed four times serving in multiple operations. Lt Col Hewett is married to the former Sara Rivera of Brindisi, Italy. Together, they have two children, Giovanni and Chiara.



EDUCATION

Dec 2004 Bachelor of Arts in History, University of Alabama, AL
May 2005 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL (Resident)
Aug 2011 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, AL (Resident)
Jun 2018 Master of Arts in Terrorism and Counterterrorism, National American University, SD
Jan 2019 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

Feb 2005 - Oct 2008	Flight Commander, Officer in Charge of Logistics, 377th Security Forces Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM; with deployment to Tallil Air Base, Iraq as Operations Officer
Nov 2009 - Nov 2010	Operations Officer, 341st Security Forces Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, MT
Dec 2010 - Apr 2012	Section Commander, 316th Security Forces Squadron, Operations Officer, 811 Presidential Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, MD; with deployment to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan as Wing Anti-terrorism Officer
Apr 2012 - Apr 2013	Combat Advisor, Afghan Public Protection Force Advisory Group, Camp Phoenix, Kabul, Afghanistan
May 2013 - Apr 2014	Operations Officer, 822d Base Defense Squadron, Moody AFB, GA
May 2014 - Mar 2015	Operations Officer, 820th Combat Operations Squadron, Moody AFB, GA
Apr 2015 - Oct 2015	Commander, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, undisclosed location
Dec 2015 - Jul 2018	Commander, 341st Security Support Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, MT
Jul 2018 - Jul 2020	Commander, 366th Security Forces Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, ID
Aug 2020 - Jun 2022	Course Director, Mission Support Group Commanders' Course, Commanders' School, Ira A. Eaker Center, Maxwell AFB, AL
July 2022 – May 2024	Commander, 502d Security Forces Squadron, JBSA Ft. Sam Houston, TX
June 2024 – Present	Commander, 31st Student Squadron, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf cluster
AF Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters
AF Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Unit Award with 4 oak leaf clusters
AF Outstanding Unit Award
National Defense Service Medal
Operation Inherent Resolve Medal with one bronze star
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze stars
Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze star
Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
AF Overseas Ribbon Short with 3 oak leaf clusters
AF Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border with 3 oak leaf clusters
AF Longevity Service with 1 oak leaf cluster
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon 1 bronze star
AF Training Ribbon
NATO ISAF Medal

SPECIALIZED QUALIFICATIONS

2006 US Army Special Reaction Team (SRT) Course
2006 ACC Pre-Ranger Course
2006 US Army Air Assault School
2007 US Army Ranger School
2014 US Army Airborne School

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant - 15 Jan 2005
First Lieutenant - 15 Jan 2007
Captain - 15 Jan 2009
Major - 1 June 2015
Lieutenant Colonel – 1 Dec 2019
(Current as of July 2025)