



LIEUTENANT COLONEL TREVOR S. MENDENHALL

Lt Col Trevor Mendenhall is the Commander, 30th Student Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He commands a selectively manned squadron of instructors and students as part of Squadron Officer School. The 30th Student Squadron "Knights" are responsible for leading, educating, and developing over 1050 mission-ready, joint-minded captains, international officers and Department of Defense civilians annually.

Lt Col Mendenhall is a distinguished graduate from the United States Air Force Academy, earning a commission in 2010. In 2012, following Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training, Lt Col Mendenhall completed E-8C initial qualification training and was assigned to the 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, GA. In 2016, he was reassigned to Pensacola Naval Air Station, FL where he taught Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training. At the completion of that assignment, he returned to Robins AFB, GA for another assignment in the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System. He was then selected to attend Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, AL, after which, he was assigned to Squadron Officer School.



Lt Col Mendenhall is a Senior Combat Systems Officer with more than 2,000 hours including 550 combat hours in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE. He has deployed in support of operations in United States Central, Southern, and Indo-Pacific Commands. Prior to his current position, Lt Col Mendenhall was Director of Operations, 31st Student Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

EDUCATION

2010 Bachelor of Science, Management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2010 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2012 Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.
2014 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence
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2015 Master of Arts, Christian Ministry (Leadership), Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.
2019 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence
2023 Masters of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2023 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2024 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2010 – May 2012, Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.
2. May 2012 – January 2016, Assistant Flight Commander and E-8C Evaluator CSO, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
3. January 2016 – August 2016, Flight Examiner and Evaluator CSO, 461st Operations Group, Robins AFB, Ga.





BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

4. August 2016 – March 2018, Flight Commander and T-1A Instructor CSO, 451st Flying Training Squadron, Pensacola NAS, Fla.
5. March 2018 – January 2019, Executive Officer and Instructor CSO, 479th Operations Support Squadron, Pensacola NAS, Fla.
6. February 2019 – January 2020, Chief of Training and Instructor CSO, 479th Flying Training Group, Pensacola NAS, Fla.
7. January 2020 – November 2020, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation and Evaluator CSO, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
8. December 2020 – December 2021, Chief, Wing Commander's Action Group and Evaluator CSO, 461st Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.
9. December 2021 – July 2022, Assistant Director of Operations and Evaluator CSO, 330th Combat Training Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.
10. July 2022 – May 2023, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. May 2023 – June 2024, Air University Fellow, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. June 2024 – May 2025, Deputy Director, Institutional Effectiveness, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. June 2025 – November 2025, Director of Operations, 31st Student Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. December 2025 – Present, Commander, 30th Student Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Combat Systems Officer

Flight hours: More than 2,000 (including 550 combat hours)

Aircraft flown: E-8A/C, T-1A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2012 Distinguished Graduate, Undergraduate Combat Systems Officer Training

2013 Distinguished Graduate, E-8C Combat Systems Officer Initial Qualification Training

2016 Distinguished Graduate, T-1A Combat Systems Officer Instructor Training

2023 Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 26, 2010

First Lieutenant May 26, 2012

Captain May 26, 2014

Major December 1, 2019

Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2024

(Current as of December 2025)

