



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM P. PASTEWAIT

Lieutenant Colonel William P. Pastewait is the Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 280 at the University of Kansas. He is responsible for recruiting, educating, training and inspiring men and women to become the highest quality leaders in the United States Air Force. He ensures AFROTC cadets meet commissioning requirements and are well prepared to serve as Air Force officers. As Professor of Aerospace Studies and Chair of the Department of Aerospace Studies, he is responsible for a college-level officer training program and the comprehensive military education of cadets, resulting in the annual commissioning of highly qualified second lieutenants.

Lieutenant Colonel Pastewait received his commission in May 1997 after completing the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He has served in a variety of communications and cyber operations positions supporting United States Air Force, United States Joint Forces Command, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and National Security Agency missions. Lieutenant Colonel Pastewait has deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Commander of the 693d Intelligence Support Squadron, Ramstein Airbase, Germany.



EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- 2001 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2004 Masters of Business Administration degree, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2011 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
- 2013 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1997 – December 1997, Deputy Resource and Program Manager, 721st Communications Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, CO
2. December 1997 – July 1998, OIC, Communications-Computer Systems Staff, 721st Communications Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, CO
3. July 1998 – April 1999, 721st Support Group Year 2000 Program Lead, 721st Communications Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colorado Springs, CO
4. April 1999 – May 2000, Executive Officer, 721st Support Group, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colorado Springs, CO
5. May 2000 – May 2001, Commander, Mission Generation Flight, 12th Space Warning Squadron, Thule AB, Greenland
6. May 2001 – May 2004, C4ISR Assessments Project Officer, Joint Battle Center, Suffolk, VA
7. May 2004 – July 2008, AFROTC Instructor/Commandant of Cadets, Detachment 910, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

8. July 2008 – July 2011, Chief, Deployable Communications, NATO Communications-Information Systems Services Agency, SHAPE, Belgium
9. July 2011 – September 2012, Director of Operations, 543rd Support Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, TX
10. September 2012 – June 2013, Deputy Commander, 543rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, JBSA-Lackland, TX
11. June 2013 – July 2015, Commander, 693d Intelligence Support Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
12. July 2015 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 280, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	15 June 1997
First Lieutenant	15 June 1999
Captain	15 June 2001
Major	1 April 2007
Lieutenant Colonel	1 July 2012

(Current as of August 2015)