



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KENNETH R. STERLING

Lt Col Kenneth R. Sterling is the Commander of Air Force ROTC Detachment 810 and Professor of Aerospace Studies at Baylor University in Waco Texas. In this capacity, he is responsible to the University president and the Commander of AFROTC for recruiting, training, and educating Air Force officer candidates. He is the senior Air Force officer on campus with responsibilities including Detachment Commander, Professor of Aerospace Studies, and Department Chair of Aerospace Studies.

Lt Col Sterling entered the Air Force through the ROTC program at Texas Christian University with a degree in Business Marketing. He subsequently attained a Master's of Science in International Relations with a National Security focus from Troy University in 2010.

Lt Col Sterling has flown missions in support of USPACOM's Continuous Bomber Presence effort, USSTRATCOM's strategic deterrence mission, and USSOUTHCOM's counter drug mission set. He has deployed to the Pacific area of responsibility five times, including duty as the Bomber Liaison Officer at the 613th Air and Space Operations Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Additionally, Lt Col Sterling volunteered to deploy to Central America where he planned and supported counter drug, disaster relief, and humanitarian assistance operations. Finally, during his time at USSTRACOM, Lt Col Sterling was the Chief of Aircraft Strike responsible for all aircraft planning across USSTRATCOM's mission set, and Air Room liaison officer to NATO Air Command HQ where he coordinated exercises and support to NATO.



EDUCATION

- 2004 Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth Texas
- 2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2010 Masters of Science in International Relations, Troy University, Troy Ala.
- 2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2014 Weapons Instructor Course, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV.
- 2017 Nuclear Weapons Effects, Policy, and Proliferation Graduate Certificate, AFIT, Online
- 2018 Masters of Science in Operations Management, AFIT, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2018 School of Advanced Nuclear Deterrence Studies, Kirtland AFB, NM.
- 2019 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2020 Nuclear Deterrence Graduate Certificate, Harvard Extension School, Online
- 2021 Space and Nuclear Command and Control Graduate Certificate, Naval Post Graduate School, Online

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Nov 2004 – Sep 2005, Student Navigator, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
2. Nov 2005 – Sep 2006, B-52 Student Navigator, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

3. Sep 2006 – Aug 2014, Flight Commander, Training Flight Chief, B-52 Evaluator WSO, 20th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
4. Aug 2014 – May 2017, Nuclear Operations Assistant Director of Operations, Chief Wing Nuclear Plans and Programs, B-52 Evaluator WSO, 5th Operations Support Squadron and 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
5. May 2017 – Jun 2018, Student, School of Advanced Nuclear Deterrence Studies, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
6. Jun 2018 – Jun 2020, Strategic Analyst and Chief of Aircraft Strike, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
7. Jun 2020 – Jun 2022, Commander, 86 MSG Detachment 1, USAFE, Ramstein AB, Germany
8. Jul 2022 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 810, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Combat Systems Officer

Flight Hours: More than 2300

Aircraft Flown: T-1, T-43, B-52H

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Services Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jun 5, 2004

First Lieutenant Jun 5, 2006

Captain Jun 5, 2008

Major Nov 1, 2014

Lt Colonel May 1, 2019

(Current as of February 2022)