



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROY L. FRIERSON



Lieutenant Col Roy Frierson is the commander of the AFROTC DET 215, 'Wild Aces', and as Professor of Aerospace Studies at Indiana University. As commander, he leads the recruiting, training, motivating, education and evaluation of Indiana University's Air Force officer candidates. Additionally, he supports two cross-town universities, Butler University and Indiana University, Purdue University Indiana. He is the senior Air Force officer on campus with dual responsibilities as detachment commander and Chairman of the Department of Aerospace Studies. Lieutenant Colonel Frierson is responsible for determining who is accepted, trained, and ultimately commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. His previous assignment was at HQ USSOCOM, where he served in numerous leadership roles, to support a 66 thousand-strong unified combatant command Special Operations Force in executing their unique world-wide, no-fail missions. Lt Col Frierson is a graduated squadron

commander, serving both CONUS and deployed. Throughout his career, he's led forces in multiple countries supporting Operations JOINT GUARD, SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM & IRAQI FREEDOM that safely launched and returned over 39 thousand joint and coalition combat sorties against enemy combatants, while supporting over 30 thousand US and coalition forces.

Lt Col Frierson entered the Air Force in 1996 through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of South Florida. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South Florida and a master's degree in Human Relations from Oklahoma University.

#### EDUCATION

- 1995: United States Army Infantry School, Airborne Course, Ft. Benning GA.
- 1996: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University, of South Florida, Tampa FL
- 2002: Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL (Residence)
- 2006: Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Correspondence)
- 2006: Master of Arts in Human Relations, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK
- 2012: Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL (Correspondence)

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jun 1996 - Apr 1998: Lodging Officer/Combat Spt Flt CDR, 43d Services Sq, Pope AFB, NC
2. Apr 1998 - Aug 1998: Deputy Commander (deployed), Op JOINT GUARD, Aviano AB, Italy
3. Aug 1998 - Sept 1999: CDR, Plans & Force Mgt Flight, 51st SVS Sq, Osan AB, Rep of Korea
4. Oct 1998 - Mar 2001: Exec Officer to CC, 48th SVS Sq, RAF Lakenheath AB, UK
5. Mar 2001 - Aug 2001: CDR, Combat Support Flight, 27th SVS Sq, Cannon AFB, NM

6. Aug 2001 - Dec 2001: Commander (deployed), 320th SVS Flight, Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, & Jacobabad AB, Pakistan
7. Jan 2002 - Dec 2002: Exec Officer, 27th Mission Support Group, Cannon AFB, NM
8. Dec 2002 - Jun 2003: Commander (deployed), 384th SVS Sq Camp Oasis, Bahrain
9. Jul 2003 - Jan 2004: CDR, Combat Support Flight, 27th Services Sq, Cannon AFB, NM
10. Feb 2004 - June 2004: Commander (deployed), 447th Expeditionary SVS Sq, Camp Sather, Baghdad International Airport, Iraq
11. Jul 2004 - Jan 2006: Deputy 17th Services Division, Goodfellow AFB, TX
12. Jan 2006 - May 2006: Exec Officer (deployed), 455th Exp. Ops Grp, Bagram AB, Afghanistan
13. Jun 2006 – Jun 2008: Commander, 23d Services Sq, Moody AFB, GA
14. Jan 2008 - May 2008: Commander, (deployed) 376th Exp. SVS Sq, MANAS AB, Kyrgyzstan
15. Jun 2008 – Jun 2011: Deputy Chief of Services, & HQ Squadron Commander, HQ Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida
16. Jun 2009 – Oct 2009: Chief of Services (deployed), A1S, AFFOR, Al Udeid AB, QATAR
17. Jun 2011 – Jul 2014: Chief, Military Personnel Branch; Chief Personnel Ops & Joint Plans Branch, HQ USSOCOM, Mac Dill AFB, FL
18. Jul 2014 – Present: Commander & Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 215, ('Wild Aces') Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal (w/ 2 OLC)  
 Joint Service Commendation  
 Air Force Commendation Medal (w/ 3 OLC)  
 Air Force Achievement Medal (w/ 2 OLC)  
 National Defense Service Medal  
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal  
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
 Iraq Campaign Medal  
 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
 NATO Medal

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2005 HQ AETC Services Company Grade Officer of the Yr  
 2005 Captain Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award (wg)  
 2008 HQ AFSOC Lt Gen Norman Lezy Award  
 2011 AFA Gen George C. Kenney Award  
 2012 HQ USSCOM & Air Force District/Wash. Field Grade Officer Yr  
 2013 HQ USSCOM Force Support Officer Field Grade Officer Yr

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	29 May 1996
First Lieutenant	29 May 1998
Captain	29 May 2000
Major	1 Jun 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	1 Aug 2011

(Current as of Aug, 2014)