



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN JALEN J. AUER

Captain Jalen Auer is the Operations Flight Commander, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), Detachment 215 at Bloomington, Indiana. He is responsible for AFROTC cadet classroom instruction and cadet wing operations for the Detachment.

Capt Auer received his commission in May 2016 through Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Indiana State University. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training in 2018 and was selected to fly the UH-1N "Huey". He served as an Instructor Pilot and Operations Supervisor on the UH-1N for the 54th Helicopter Squadron, Minot AFB. Capt Auer was hand-picked by Air Force Global Strike Command as a Subject Matter Expert for the development of future MH-139 Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures.

At his first operational assignment, Capt Auer held multiple leadership and strategic planning positions, including Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Mission Commander, Chief Program Manager, and Chief of Plans and Exercises.

EDUCATION

2016 Bachelor of Science, Aviation and Airport Management, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN

2017 Initial Flight Training, Pueblo, CO

2017 Undergraduate Flight Training – Fixed Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX

2018 Undergraduate Flight Training – Rotary, Fort Rucker, AL

2019 UH-1N Initial Qualification Training, Kirtland AFB, NM

2019 Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape Training, Fairchild AFB, WA

2021 Instructor Pilot Upgrade Qualification, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM

2022 Master of Science, Aviation and Aerospace Management, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

2022 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Professional Developmental Education, Pentagon, Washington D.C.; Los Alamos, NM

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2016 – December 2016, Student (T-6, DA-20), 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX
2. December 2016 – November 2018, Student (TH-1H), 23rd Flying Training Squadron, Fort Rucker, AL
3. November 2018 – March 2019, Student (UH-1N), 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM
4. March 2019 – November 2019, UH-1N Mission Pilot/Scheduling Officer, 54th Helicopter Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
5. June 2019 – July 2019, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape Student, Fairchild AFB, WA
6. November 2019 – November 2020, UH-1N Mission Pilot, Chief of Plans/Programs Manager, Det 5, 582d Operational Support Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
7. November 2020 – November 2021, UH-1N Aircraft Commander, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 54th Helicopter Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
8. October 2021 – December 2021, UH-1N Instructor Pilot Upgrade Qualification Student, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM



9. November 2021 – April 2022, UH-1N Instructor Pilot, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 54th Helicopter Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
10. April 2022 – June 2023, UH-1N Instructor Pilot, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Chief of Plans and Exercises, 54th Helicopter Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
11. July 2022 – July 2022, Student, U.S. Army High Altitude Aviation Training Course, Gypsum, CO
12. June 2023 – Present, Operations Flight Commander, AFROTC Detachment 215, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Pilot

Flight hours: 1,100+

Aircraft flown: C-172, DA-20, T-6, TH-1H, UH-1N

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" device

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Norwegian Foot March Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 07, 2016

First Lieutenant Sep 17, 2018

Captain Sep 17, 2020

(CURRENT AS OF MAY 2023)