



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN LANCE J. KAPRAL

Capt Lance Kapral is the Education Officer at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 915, West Virginia University (WVU), Morgantown, West Virginia. He holds the title of Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and is responsible for overseeing testing and academic development for cadets as well as ensuring Air Force educational standards for cadre.

Capt Kapral commissioned through AFROTC Detachment 590 in May 2016 after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature. He began Active Duty service in October that same year, attending the Intelligence Officer Course taught at Goodfellow Air Force Base, graduating in June of 2017.

Capt Kapral is as an Air Force Intelligence Officer, with a broad range of experience across the globe. He started his career as an intelligence analyst at the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base, Japan. There, he supported air operations and ensured information security by acting as the Officer in Charge of Intelligence Systems and Mobility for the 35th Operations Support Squadron. Capt Kapral was then selected to serve as the Chief of Intelligence for the 13th Fighter Squadron (CAVE PUTORIUM!), where



he supported the Wild Weasel's mission to conduct Suppression of Enemy Air Defense (SEAD) operations. Capt Kapral's next assignment led him to JBSA-Lackland, Texas, where he joined the 16th Air Force staff. While at 16th Air Force, Capt Kapral supported US Information Warfare operations. He began his time at Lackland as a Cyber Operations Planner in the Strategic Plans Directorate (A5). While in the A5, Capt Kapral was deployed to Joint Task Force-ARES—located at Fort Meade, MD—where he served as the Chief of Analysis and Production for the Joint Intelligence Support Element (JISE). Upon his return to 16th Air Force, Capt Kapral transferred to the Intelligence Directorate (A2), where he served in the Targeting Division as the Branch Chief for Target Development. After leading the Target Development Branch, Capt Kapral was by-name requested to serve as the Executive Officer for the Director of Intelligence, where he spent his final year at Lackland supporting senior leaders within the Directorate.

EDUCATION

2016 Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

2022 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in residence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2016 – June 2017, Student, Intelligence Training Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
2. Jun 2017-October 2017, Combat Intel Cell Intel Analyst, 35th Operations Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
3. October 2017-May 2019, Officer In Charge Intel Systems and Mobility, 35th Operations Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
4. May 2019 – June 2020, Chief of Intelligence, 13th Fighter Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan / OIC Intelligence Operations Flight, 35th Operations Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
5. July 2020 – May 2022, Cyber Operations Planner, 16 AF/A5, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
6. October 2021 – April 2022, Chief of Analysis and Production, JTF-ARES Joint Intelligence Support Element, Ft. Meade, Md.
7. May 2022 – September 2023, Target Development Branch Chief, 16 AF/A2T, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
8. September 2023 – June 2024, Executive Officer, 16 AF/A2, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
9. July 2024 – Present, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Det 915, West Virginia University

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 28 July 2016

First Lieutenant 28 July 2018

Captain 28 July 2020

(Current as of July 2024)