



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LT COL THERESA A. KOPECKY

Lieutenant Colonel Theresa A. Kopecky is the United States Space Force Liaison Officer to Headquarters Sixteenth Air Force, and Director, Operating Location-Austin, Texas on behalf of Space Operations Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado. In this capacity she is responsible for facilitating intelligence, cyber, and electronic warfare support to generate space combat forces forward to combatant commands. For this, she fosters innovation for the command through academia, joint service partnerships, program integration, and capability development for multi-layered effects -- enabling the command's ability to plan and execute effective and resilient space operations in support of the joint warfighter.



Lt Col Kopecky joined the Air Force in July of 2002 as an Intelligence Officer and was assigned to Air Forces Central at Shaw AFB, SC as a Targeteer and Deputy, Officer in Charge for Targeting Operations at the Combined Air Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base. She served as Officer in Charge, Counterterrorism for the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (NATO); Deputy Chief of Targets at 613 Air Operations Center, Hickam AFB; Detachment Commander for Defense Intelligence Agency in Kandahar, Afghanistan; Deputy, Weapons Effects Division for Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB; Chief of Targets for the Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Pacific Command, Pearl Harbor; and Chief of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Operations, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field. Lt Col Kopecky has deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Prior to assuming her current position, Lt Col Kopecky was the Deputy Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Division for 25th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. She led a global enterprise of Airmen and Guardians in the newly created Information Warfare Operations Center under 16th Air Force, Air Forces Cyber. 16th Air Force focuses on information warfare in the modern age at the integration of Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance; Cyber Warfare; Electromagnetic Warfare; Weather; Public Affairs; and Information Operations capabilities. 16th Air Force also serves as the Service Cryptologic Component responsible to the National Security Agency/Central Security Service and the Service Cyber Component to US Cyber Command.

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science, Applied Linguistics, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL

2003 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL

2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL, by correspondence

2016 Master of Arts, Military Operational Art & Science, Maxwell AFB, AL

2016 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL, by correspondence

2023 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2002 – July 2003, Student, Intelligence Applications Officer Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX
2. July 2003 – September 2005, Chief, Ground Targets Section, 609th Air Operations Center, Shaw AFB, SC
3. September 2005, Transition to Air Force Reserve Command
4. September 2005 – January 2010, Deputy Chief, Targets Development, 613th Air Operations Center, Hickam AFB, HI
5. January 2010 – November 2012, Chief, Strategy and Plans Division, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, HI
6. November 2012 – February 2015, Chief of Targets, Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Pearl Harbor, HI
7. February 2015 – August 2017, Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Operations Division, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, FL
8. August 2017 – February 2018, Chief of Targets, 625th Operations Center, 25th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio, TX
9. February 2018 – April 2020, Deputy Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Division, 625th Operations Center, 25th Air Force (transition to 16th Air Force), Joint Base San Antonio, TX
10. April 2020 – Present, Chief, Space Operations Command (Intelligence) Forward to 16th Air Force, Peterson SFB, CO

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award (3 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award
Air and Space Recognition Ribbon (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Star
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air and Space Overseas Short Tour Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (1 Meritorious Device and Hourglass)
NATO Medal-Operations with ISAF

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 Outstanding Contributor, Air and Space Basic Course
2004 Distinguished Graduate, Combat Targeting Course
2016 Academic Achievement, Air Command and Staff College Master's Degree Program

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, September 27, 2002
First Lieutenant, September 27, 2004
Captain, January 24, 2007
Major, March 14, 2012
Lieutenant Colonel, March 14, 2019
(Current as of March 2024)