



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARMIN “HAMMER” BLUEGSEL

Lt Col Armin A. Blueggel is Commander, 31st Student Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He commands a selectively manned squadron of instructors and students as part of Squadron Officer School. The 31st Student Squadron “Bulls” provide Professional Military Education to more than 600 Air and Space Force Captains, International Officers, and Department of the Air Force Civilians annually.

Prior to this assignment, Lt Col Blueggel was the Joint Information Operations Warfare Center Liaison Officer to the United States European Command, Patch Barracks, Germany where he led the EUCOM information operations planning efforts to expose Russian disinformation surrounding its invasion of Ukraine.

Lt Col Blueggel is a graduate of Angelo State University and was commissioned in the Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 2005. In 2009, he entered the Information Warfare career track and has specialized in Military Information Support Operations, Military Deception, and Operations Security with assignments advancing Information Operations at the Squadron, Air Operations Center, MAJCOM and Joint Staff level.



EDUCATION

- 2005 Bachelors of Arts Degree in Psychology, Angelo State University, TX
- 2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2009 Masters of Arts Degree in Management, Bellevue University, NE
- 2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2017 Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS
- 2021 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2005 – July 2006, Student, 80 Operations Support Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. July 2006 – May 2011, Program Lead, Cultural Awareness Training, Mesa City Base, Arizona
3. May 2011 – May 2013, Chief, Military Information Support Operations, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany
4. May 2013 – June 2016, Program Manager, Military Information Support Operations, Hurlburt Field, Florida
5. June 2016 – June 2017, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
6. June 2017 – August 2020, Deputy Chief, Information Warfare Division, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany
7. August 2020 – July 2022, LNO, Joint Information Operations Warfare Center, Patch Barracks, Germany
8. July 2022 – Present, Commander, 31st Student Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2020 – June 2022, Liaison Officer to USEUCOM, Joint Information Operations Warfare Center, Patch Barracks, Germany, as a Lieutenant Colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster)
Air and Space Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters)
Army Commendation Medal
Air and Space Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Air and Space Recognition Ribbon (three oak leaf clusters)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2005 Distinguished Graduate, AFROTC Detachment 847, Angelo State University, Texas
2007 Top Performer, Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Psychological Operations Qualification Course, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
2010 Air Force Military Information Support Operations Planner of the Year
2011 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2012 Air Force Information Operations Company Grade Officer of the Year
2014 Air Force Operations Security Officer of the Year
2017 Top 20%, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
2020 Air Force Information Operations Team of the Year

PUBLICATIONS

“Socio-Cultural Considerations in Effects Based Planning,” Conference on Systems Engineering Research, 2008
“A Crowded North: Considerations for China’s Arctic Ambition,” Campaigning: The Journal of the Joint Forces Staff College, October 2021

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class	July 5, 2000
Senior Airman	May 5, 2002
Second Lieutenant	June 1, 2005
First Lieutenant	June 1, 2007
Captain	June 1, 2009
Major	December 1, 2015
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2020

(CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 2022)