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COLONEL STEVEN “BUDA” BOFFERDING

Colonel Steven Bofferding is Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 675 and Professor Aerospace Studies, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. In this position, he leads a team of seven Airmen in recruiting, educating, training, and evaluating prospective officer candidates for commissioned service in the U.S. Air Force and Space Force through academic instruction on Air Force organization, history, leadership, doctrine, and communications skills with emphasis on professionalism and physical fitness. Detachment 675 also serves as the detachment for cadets from Rose State College, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma City University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Colonel Bofferding entered service as an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps graduate from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Economics. He earned his wings at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida in 2003. Colonel Bofferding's first F-15E operational assignment was with the 336th Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina, followed by an operational flying assignment with the 492d Fighter Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom. Colonel Bofferding returned to Seymour Johnson AFB as an Instructor Weapons Systems Officer with the 334th Fighter Squadron where he served as the Air Combat Command F-15E Demonstration Team Director of Operations and WSO. After spending two years as the Chief of Air Forces Branch, US Forces Korea at US Army Garrison Yongsan, South Korea, Colonel Bofferding returned to RAF Lakenheath as the 48th Fighter Wing Director of Staff and 48th Operations Support Squadron Director of Operations. Colonel Bofferding commanded both the 548th Combat Training Squadron, Fort Polk, Louisiana and AFROTC Detachment 215 at Indiana University. Colonel Bofferding was the Director of Operations, Headquarters AFROTC at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Prior to his current position, Colonel Bofferding was the Deputy Commander, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.

Colonel Bofferding is an Evaluator and Master WSO with over 2,300 flying hours. He has over 500 combat hours in the Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

EDUCATION

- 2001 Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2011 Masters of Arts in International Relations, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2017 Air War College, by correspondence





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ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2002 – September 2003, Student, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida
2. September 2003 – June 2004, Student, F-15E Formal Training Unit, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina
3. June 2004 – June 2007, Chief of Safety, Instructor Weapons Systems Officer, 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina
4. June 2007 – April 2010, Flight Commander, Evaluator Weapons Systems Officer, 492d Fighter Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. April 2010 – December 2011, Operations Officer, F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team Weapons Systems Officer, 4th Operations Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina
6. December 2011 – May 2013, Assistant Director of Operations, 334th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina
7. May 2013 – July 2015, Air Forces Branch Chief, United States Forces Korea, United States Army Garrison Yongsan, Republic of Korea
8. July 2015 – March 2016, Assistant Director of Operations, 492d Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
9. March 2016 – January 2017, Director of Staff, 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
10. January 2017 – January 2018, Director of Operations, 48th Operations Support Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
11. April 2018 – June 2020, Commander, 548th Combat Training Squadron, Fort Johnson, Louisiana
12. June 2020 – July 2022, Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 215, Indiana University, Indiana
13. July 2022 – January 2023, Director of Operations, Headquarters, AFROTC, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
14. January 2023 – July 2025, Deputy Wing Commander, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina
15. August 2025 – Present, Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 675, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2013 – July 2015, Air Forces Branch Chief, United States Forces Korea, United States Army Garrison Yongsan, Republic of Korea, as a major

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: Over 2,300

Aircraft flown: F-15E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal





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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant December 29, 2001

First Lieutenant December 29, 2003

Captain December 29, 2005

Major December 1, 2011

Lieutenant Colonel November 1, 2016

Colonel December 1, 2022

(Current as of August 2025)

