



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KARYN ARGUETA

Lieutenant Colonel Karyn Argueta is the commander of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 847. In this role he serves as the Aerospace Studies Department Chair and the Professor of Aerospace Studies at Anglo State University.

Lieutenant Colonel Argueta was prior enlisted in the Air Force for 10 years. He received his commission from Officer Training School in 2004, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education & Training Development. Following Officer Training School, Lieutenant Colonel completed Navigator training and was selected to fly on the KC-135 Stratotanker. In the tanker, he has deployed in support of IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and RESOLUTE SUPPORT flying air refueling missions worldwide to include Special Operations Air Refueling missions in Afghanistan/Iraq and in the Middle East, offloading over 2 million pounds of fuel to Special Operations assets. He also served in several capacities, including Chief of Wing Command Post, Chief of Wing Current Operations, Deputy Chief Air Operations Center, United States Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Illinois where he has the air liaison and initiated planning of 231 presidential missions ensuring United States Global Engagement Strategy and stood up initial cadre of Strategy Directorate in Air Force's largest Air Operations Center.



Prior to his current assignment, he served as an Inspector General at the 37 Training Wing & Director of Operations, 433d Training Squadron & 322d Training Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland AFB, Texas. He was second-in-command of approximately 75 personnel and 6,500 Trainees per year, producing the Air Force's next generation of Warrior Airmen & Space Force Guardians.

EDUCATION

1999 Airmen Leadership School, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
2002 Associates Degree (CCAF), Human Resource Management, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2002 Associates Degree (CCAF), Criminal Justice, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
2003 Bachelor of Science, Education and Training Development, Southern Illinois University, Ill.
2006 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2014 Master of Leadership & Management, Liberty University, Va
2016 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2004 – April 2005, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, 562th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Tx.
2. June 2005 – June 2008, Executive Officer/Scheduling Officer, Instructor Navigator/Navigator, KC-135 R/T, 99th Air Refueling Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.

3. June 2008 – August 2008, Student, Electronic Warfare School, 563d Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Tx.
4. August 2008 – July 2010, Flight Commander/Assistant Flt Commander/Instructor Navigator T-43, 562th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Tx.
5. July 2010 – July 2011, Training Officer/Assistant Flight Commander /Instructor Combat System Officer T-1A, 451st Flying Training Squadron, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
6. July 2011 – July 2013, Assistant Director of Operations/Chief of Current Operations/Flight Commander/T-1A Instructor Combat System Officer, 479th Operations Support Squadron, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
7. July 2013 – June 2015, Executive Officer/Contingency Planner, 618 Air and Space Operations Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
8. June 2015 – September 2016, Deputy Chief, Air Operation Center/United States Transportation Command Fusion Center, 618 Air Operations Center, Scott AFB, Ill.
9. September 2016 – March 2017, Assist Director Operations/Navigator, KC-135 R/T, 350th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
10. March 2017 – May 2018, Chief, Wing Current Ops/Navigator, KC-135 R/T, 22d Operations Support Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
11. May 2018 – Nov 2018, Chief, Command Post/Navigator, KC-135 R/T, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
12. Nov 2018 – Apr 2022, Director of Operations, 433 Training Squadron/322 Training Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Tx.
13. Apr 2022 – Jul 2022, Inspector General, 37 Training Wing, Joint Base San-Antonio-Lackland, Tx.
14. Jul 2022 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 847, Angelo State University, San Angelo, Tx.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight hours: More than 1,400 (462 combat hours)

Aircraft flown: KC-135R/T, T-43, T-1A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters Air

Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award with three oak leaf cluster

AF Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters Combat

Readiness Medal

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" Device

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 14, 2004
First Lieutenant	May 14, 2006
Captain	May 14, 2008
Major	June 1, 2015
Lieutenant Colonel	August 1, 2021

(Current as of Jan 2023)