



# BIOGRAPHY



## *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

### **MAJOR JAMES S. FERGUSON**



Major James S. Ferguson is the Operations Officer, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, Detachment 215 Bloomington Indiana. In this capacity, Major Ferguson is responsible for instructing, supervising, and evaluating, the performance of 80 highly-qualified young men and women as prospective Air Force officers. He directs and supervises all practical military training to include: leadership laboratory, physical training and field training preparation activities. Major Ferguson also instructs sophomore and junior-level courses on the Foundations of the United States Air Force and Air Force Leadership Studies.

Major Ferguson is a 1998 graduate of the Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL. He began Developmental Engineer career as a Foreign Weapon System analyst for the Air-to-Surface Missile Branch, National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC). After two years he transferred to the Training Systems Product Group, Aeronautical System Center as the Trainer Systems Engineer and Test Director for the European Participating Air Forces \$29M M2 F-16 Simulator Upgrade Program. Major Ferguson then PCS'd to Maxwell AFB AL. While serving as a Flight Training Officer and Student Squadron Director of Operations at Officer Training School he commissioned 93 second lieutenants and graduated 17 lieutenants and captains.

Next, as the onsite representative at the Mission Control Station, Buckley AFB CO for the SBIRS Wing (Detachment 1), Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, CA, beginning in August 2005 as the Lead Operations Integrator, and later promoted as the Deputy Director of the Operations Integration Team in April 2007. In addition, Major Ferguson augmented the Combined Task Force, as a part-time crew commander, ensuring the success of the "first of a kind" HEO payload early orbit testing until the payload was officially transferred to the operational users.

#### **EDUCATION**

- 1997 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautics and Astronautics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2004 Squadron Officer School (In-Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2007 Air Command & Staff College (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Masters Business Administration – Technology Management, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Aug 1998 – Aug 2000, Foreign Weapon Systems Analyst, National Air Intelligence Center, WPAFB, OH
2. Aug 2000 – Jul 2002, Trainer Systems Engineer, Training Systems Product Group, Aeronautical Systems Center, WPAFB, OH
3. Jul 2002 – Aug 2005, Student Squadron Director of Operations, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
4. Aug 2005 – Dec 2008, Lead Ops Integrator/HEO Flight Commander then Deputy Director Operations Integration Team, Detachment 1, SBIRS Wing, Buckley AFB, CO
5. Dec 2008 – Present, Associate Professor of Aerospace Studies/Operations Officer, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 215, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

#### **DATES OF PROMOTION**

- Second Lieutenant – 14 Aug 98
- First Lieutenant – 14 Aug 00
- Captain – 14 Aug 02
- Major – 1 May 08