



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE **LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC M. LOPEZ**

Lt Col Eric M. Lopez is the Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 250 at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, home of the "Cyclones". As professor and chair of the university's Aerospace Studies Department, he is responsible for recruiting and the comprehensive military education of officer candidates from four universities.

Lt Col Lopez was commissioned in 2006 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Georgia. His operational experience includes combat mission ready status with the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile and Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications weapon systems. He has held numerous leadership positions at the squadron, group and major command staff levels to include being the Deputy Branch Chief of the United States Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa Command Center.

EDUCATION

2006 Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, University of Georgia.

2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2010 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence.

2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2013 Master of Arts, Administrative Leadership, University of

Oklahoma, by correspondence. 2017 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence.

2020 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2020 Master of Arts, Military Operational Art and Science, Air University.

2022 Air War College, by correspondence.



ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2007-August 2007, Deputy Chief of Information Operations, 479th Operations Support Squadron, Moody AFB, GA.

2. August 2007-April 2008, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 84th Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, TX.

3. April 2008-February 2009, Student, Space 100 and ICBM Operations Training, 392d Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

4. February 2009-February 2010, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, 319th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY.

5. February 2010-December 2010, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander Instructor, 90th Operations Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY.

6. December 2010-October 2011, Missile Combat Crew Commander and Assistant Flight Commander, 319th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY.

7. October 2011-July 2012, Chief of ICBM Evaluation Scenarios, 90th Operations Group, F.E. Warren AFB, WY.

8. July 2012-May 2013, Flight Commander, 320th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY.

ASSIGNMENTS CONT.

9. May 2013-July 2014, Chief of ICBM Codes Training, 90th Operations Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY.
10. July 2014-January 2017, Instructor and Assistant Director of Operations, 532d Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA.
11. January 2017-July 2019, Deputy Chief, Nuclear Operations Branch, United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, GE.
12. July 2019-July 2020, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
13. July 2020-June 2021, Assistant Director of Operations, 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND.
14. June 2021-June 2022, Director of Operations, 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND.
15. June 2022-Present, Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 250, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Badges: Senior Missile Operations, Basic Space Operations

Hours: 5,388

Systems: LGM030G, AN/USQ-255

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" Device and two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant December 15, 2006

First Lieutenant December 26, 2008

Captain December 26, 2010

Major December 1, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2021

(Current as of July 2022)