



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL DANIEL J. O'BRIEN

Lieutenant Colonel O'Brien is the Commander of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 820 at Texas Tech University. He leads, develops and mentors approximately 100 cadets and active duty members. Additionally, he serves as the Texas Tech University Professor of Aerospace Studies and the Aerospace Studies Department Chair.

Lieutenant Colonel O'Brien graduated from Texas State University and earned his commission through AFROTC. He is a combat experienced evaluator pilot with nearly 2,000 hours in 4 different aircraft. He has previously served as an Operations Support Squadron Commander, Attack Squadron Director of Operations, Executive Officer to USAFE-AFAFRICA A3, USAFE Assistant Branch Chief of Basing and Interoperability, and as a Deployed Detachment Commander.



### EDUCATION

2004 Bachelors of Applied Arts and Sciences, Texas State University, TX

2010 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2011 Masters of Business Administration, Texas A&M, TX

2015 Masters Military Operational Arts & Sciences, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jul 1993 – Dec 2000, Enlisted Aircraft Avionics Guidance and Control Craftsman, Various Assignments
2. Dec 2004 – Oct 2005, Student, Undergraduate Navigator/Electronic Warfare Officer, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. Oct 2005 – Jun 2008, B-52 Electronic Warfare Officer, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
4. Jun 2008 – Jul 2011, MQ-1B Instructor Pilot, Squadron and Group Executive Officer, 15 Reconnaissance Squadron and 432nd Group, Creech AFB, NV
5. Jul 2011 – Jul 2015, RQ-170 Instructor Pilot, Assistant Director of Ops and Squadron Assigned Flight Safety Officer, 30th Reconnaissance Squadron, Creech AFB, NV
6. Jul 2015 – Jul 2016, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
7. Jul 2016 – Jul 2019, USAFE-AFAFRICA A3/10 Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Access and Interoperability, Ramstein AB, Germany
8. Jul 2019 – Apr 2021, Director of Operations & Evaluator Pilot, 867 Attack Squadron, Creech AFB, NV
9. Apr 2021 – June 2023, Commander, 432 Operations Support Squadron, Creech AFB, NV
10. Jun 2023 - Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 820 Commander, Lubbock, TX

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command RPA Pilot

Flight hours: Nearly 2,000

Aircraft flown: T-43, T-1, B-52H, MQ-1B, RQ-170, MQ-9A

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with a silver leaf and one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf clusters

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant – Dec 25, 2004

First Lieutenant – Dec 25, 2006

Captain – Dec 25, 2008

Major – May 1, 2015

Lieutenant Colonel – Sept 1, 2019

(Current as of Feb 2024)

