



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR JAMES R. GRAY

Major James Gray is an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 820, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. He plays an important role in shaping the Air Force's next generation of officers through leading, teaching, and mentoring 80 highly qualified young men & women within the Detachment. Major Gray instructs curriculum covering U.S. Air Force Foundations, Air Force History, Leadership and National Security Affairs.

James earned his commission in December 2011 as a graduate of Officer Training School located at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. His service includes operational assignments at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom, and Aviano Air Base, Italy. He is a senior pilot with over 1,200 total hours and 125 combat hours. He has deployed three times in support of OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE.

EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor of Business Administration, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

2008 Master of Science, Accounting, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

2011 Officer Training School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2016 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2020 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Jan 2012–Sept 2012, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX
2. Oct 2012–May 2013, Student, Undergraduate Helicopter Pilot training, Fort Rucker, AL
3. Jun 2013–Apr 2014, Pilot, HH-60G Mission Qualification Training, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM
4. May 2014–Sept 2015, HH-60G Mission Pilot, Tactics Officer, 55th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
5. Oct 2015-Jul 2017, HH-60G Flight Lead, Chief of Supply, 55th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
6. Aug 2017-Jun 2018, HH-60G Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, 56th Rescue Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, UK
7. Jul 2018-Jun 2019, HH-60G Evaluator Pilot, Chief Standardization and Evaluation, 56th Rescue Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy
8. Jul 2019-Jul 2020, Deputy Chief Standardization and Evaluation, 31st Operations Group, Aviano Air Base, Italy
9. Aug 2020-Jul 2021, Director Commander's Action Group, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy
10. Aug 2021-present, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 820, Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX



FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight Hours: 1,200+

Combat Hours: 125

Aircraft flown: HH-60G, TH-1H, UH-1H and T-6A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with one device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant December 16, 2011

First Lieutenant December 16, 2013

Captain December 16, 2015

Major August 1, 2021

(Current as of August 2021)