



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### DR. ROBIN L. THOMPSON

Dr. Thompson serves as an Instructor of Aerospace Studies and is the Special Programs Manager at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 880 at Virginia Military Institute (VMI), Air University, AETC, Lexington, Virginia. In this role, she instructs future USAF Officers in Team and Leadership Fundamentals. As the Special Programs Manager she ensures VMI AFROTC Cadets have opportunities for additional leadership, training, and career development.



Dr. Thompson was commissioned through AFROTC in 1985 upon graduating from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a degree in Sociology, Criminology, Deviance, and Law. She served on active duty from 1985-1990 as a Security Forces Officer and was one of the first females in the USAF to serve as a Security Forces Officer. At Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, SD, she excelled as both a Missile Security and a Base Law Enforcement and Security Officer. In 1988 she was assigned to RAF Greenham Common to protect the Ground Launched Cruise Missiles (GLCM). During that assignment she commanded a flight of both USAF and Royal Air Force Regiment security personnel and is the only female to ever have operational command of RAF Regiment personnel.

She separated from the USAF as a Captain and attained a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Minot State University in 1997. Upon graduating from Minot State University, she was offered a position as a Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations as a civilian 1811 federal law enforcement agent. As a federal Special Agent she served at both the field and headquarters levels conducting both law enforcement and counterintelligence investigations, counterespionage operations, program management for Information Operations, and was the command liaison to the Joint Intelligence Task Force -Combating Terrorism at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

After separating from AFOSI, Dr. Thompson performed security clearance background investigations for the Office of Personnel Management and in 2008 completed a Doctorate in Management-Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix. In 2010, Dr. Thompson was selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to become the Lead Special Agent for their Counterintelligence Field Office at Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA. She was responsible for identifying the threat from foreign adversaries as well as the insider threat from within NASA. From 2010-2014 Dr. Thompson also taught online Strategic Security and Intelligence graduate courses for American Military University and Henley-Putnam University.

Beginning in 2014 Dr. Thompson started up her own businesses and managed her small family farm in southern Rockbridge County, VA. In August 2022 she started her current position at VMI.

### EDUCATION

1985 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology, Criminology, Deviance, and Law, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

1997 Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Minot State University, Minot, ND.

1998 Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL.

2000 Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL.

2005 Graduate, Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL.  
2005 Graduate, Chief Information Officers (CIO) Certification, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, DC.  
2008 Doctor of Management-Organizational Leadership, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ  
2011 Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. 1985-1988, Security Forces Officer, Commander of the Base Hostage Negotiations Team, Ellsworth AFB, SD, 44<sup>th</sup> Missile Security Squadron, 44<sup>th</sup> Security Police Squadron.
2. 1988-1990, Defense Force Commander, NATO Tactical Evaluator, 501 Missile Defense Squadron, RAF Greenham Common, UK.
3. 1997-1999, Special Agent, Counterintelligence and Law Enforcement Field Agent, AFOSI Det 419, Tyndall AFB, FL
4. 1999-2001, Special Agent, Counterespionage Operations Field Agent, AFOSI Det 601, Hickam AFB, HI.
5. 2001-2004, Special Agent, Program Manager-Information Operations, Program Manager-Antiterrorism Services Team, AFOSI HQ, Andrews AFB, MD.
6. 2004-2005, Special Agent, AFOSI HQ Command Liaison to the Joint Intelligence Task Force-Combating Terrorism (JITF-CT), Bolling AFB, Washington, DC.
7. 2010-2012, Lead Counterintelligence Special Agent, NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA.
8. 2022-present, AS200 Instructor, AFROTC Det 880, VMI, Lexington, VA.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Commendation Medal  
USAF Exceptional Civilian Service Medal x 2  
Air Force Association Presidents Award  
Air Force Association National Medal of Merit

(Current as of August 2022)