



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLIFFORD A. FRANKLIN

Lieutenant Colonel Clifford Franklin, Operations Officer, AFROTC Detachment 880, located at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia. As Operations Officer, he supervises all unit operations, recruiting, and education functions; oversees cadre training and professional development; leads, recruits, trains, counsels and evaluates 383 highly qualified young men & women as prospective AF officers; supervises cadre and all detachment activities; and serves as the interim commander in the absence of the commander.

Lieutenant Colonel Franklin was born in Montgomery, Alabama. He is a graduate of Auburn University at Montgomery, Auburn University, and the University of Tennessee. Lieutenant Colonel Franklin enlisted in the Alabama Air National Guard in 1988 and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician on the F-16. He earned his commission and rank of Second Lieutenant in 2001 after attending the Academy of Military Science (AMS) at McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN. Since, Lieutenant Colonel Franklin has served in Force Support, Aircraft Maintenance, and as Inspector General in the Air National Guard. He holds a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for promotion to Colonel in the Air National Guard. Presently, he serves as an AFROTC Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies (APAS) via the Voluntary Limited Period of Active Duty (VLPAD) Program.



EDUCATION

1992 - Bachelor of Science; Secondary Education; Auburn University at Montgomery; Montgomery, AL

1996 - Master of Communication Disorders (MCD) in Audiology, Auburn University; Auburn, AL

2001 - Academy of Military Science (AMS), in residence

2002 - Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) Services 101 and Mortuary Affairs Course

2004 - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Speech & Hearing Science, University of Tennessee; Knoxville, TN

2008 - Squadron Officer School (SOS), by correspondence

2014 - Accelerated Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course (AAMOC)

2014 - Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), by correspondence

2018 - Air War College (AWC), by correspondence

2018 - Inspector General Training Course (IGTC), in residence

2019 - AFROTC Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies (APAS) Course, in residence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1988 – April 2001, F16 Crew Chief, 187 Fighter Wing, Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Alabama

2. April 2001 – June 2004, Commander, 187 Services Flight, Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Alabama

3. April 2006 – April 2009, Commander, 189 Services Flight, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas

4. April 2009 – July 2012, Force Support Officer, 189th Force Support Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas

5. July 2012 – July 2014, Commander, 189 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas

6. July 2014 – May 2018, Deputy Commander, 189th Maintenance Group, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas
7. May 2018 – June 2019, Director, Complaints Resolution, 189th Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas
8. June 2019 - Present, Operations Officer, AFROTC Detachment 880, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two devices
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five devices
Air Force Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with eight devices
National Defense Service Medal with one device
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service with three devices
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one device
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Pistol
Air Force Training Ribbon with one device
Alabama Faithful Service Medal
Arkansas Service Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class, October 22, 1988
Senior Airman, September 1, 1990
Staff Sergeant, September 1, 1993
Second Lieutenant, April 20, 2001
First Lieutenant, June 22, 2003
Captain, June 22, 2005
Major, August 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel, January 10, 2015

(Current as of August 2020)