



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL J. QUINN

Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Quinn is the Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 005 at Auburn University. In this capacity, Lieutenant Colonel Quinn serves as the head of the university's Aerospace Studies department, instructs senior courses on national security affairs and airpower history, supervises six faculty and staff members, and has overall responsibility for training and mentoring more than 100 students preparing to become Air Force officers.

Lieutenant Colonel Quinn received his commission as a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Trainings Corps from Clemson University in 2006. He is a senior pilot and advanced air advisor with more than 1500 flying hours including 171 combat hours. He has served in a variety of operational flying positions across three combatant commands and flown humanitarian assistance missions in direct support of OPERATION Tomodachi in Japan and combat air advising missions with the Afghan Air Force supporting OPERATION Enduring Freedom. Prior to this assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Quinn served as the Chief of Safety, 316th Wing at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.



Lieutenant Colonel Quinn is married to the former Bridget Buckie of Huntington Beach, California and they have three children, Rory (11 years), Brody (7 years) and Colby (5 years).

### EDUCATION

2006 Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, Clemson University, Clemson, SC.

2006 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL.

2010 Squadron Officer School (correspondence).

2012 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL.

2013 Masters of Professional Studies degree in Homeland Security, Penn State University, State College, PA.

2020 U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

2020 Masters of Operational Studies, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

2021 Air University Leader Development Course for Squadron Command, Maxwell AFB, AL.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2006 - May 2007, Executive Officer, 19th Operations Support Squadron, Robins AFB, GA

2. July 2007 - February 2008, student, undergraduate pilot training, Vance AFB, OK

3. February 2008 - September 2008, student, undergraduate pilot training - helicopter, Fort Rucker, AL

4. September 2008 - March 2009, student, UH-1N initial qualification training, Kirtland AFB, NM

5. April 2009 – April 2012, Executive Officer, Flight Commander, and UH-1N aircraft commander, 459th Airlift Squadron then Group Executive Officer and UH-1N instructor pilot, 374th Operations Group, Yokota AB, Japan.

6. April 2012 – October 2012, student, air advisor academy and Mi-17 initial/instructor qualification training, Kirtland AFB, NM

7. October 2012 – October 2013, Rotary Wing Assistant Director of Operations and Mi-17 evaluator pilot, 444 Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron, Shindand AB, Afghanistan.

8. October 2013 – January 2014, Student Flight Commander and UH-1N instructor pilot, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM.

9. January 2014 – July 2014, Special Assistant to the Commander and UH-1N instructor pilot, 71st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM.
10. July 2014 – September 2015, CV-22 Student Pilot, 71st Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM.
11. September 2015 – June 2016, Aircrew Flight Equipment Flight Commander and CV-22 pilot, 58th Operations Support Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM.
12. June 2016 – May 2017, Director of Staff and Special Missions instructor pilot, 1st Helicopter Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, MD.
13. May 2017 – July 2018, Wing Executive Officer and UH-1N instructor pilot, 11th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, MD.
14. July 2018 – June 2019, Air Force District of Washington Liaison to Joint Force Headquarters – National Capital Region and UH-1N instructor pilot, Air Force District of Washington, Fort McNair, DC.
15. June 2019 – June 2020, student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.
16. July 2020 – August 2021, Chief, Operations Analyst, LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education, Air Force Lessons Learned, the Pentagon, Arlington VA.
17. August 2021 – July 2022, Chief of Safety, 316th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, MD.
18. July 2022 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 005, Auburn University, AL.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: More than 1500 (171 combat)

Aircraft Flown: T-6A, UH-1H, UH-1N, MD-530, Mi-17, CV-22B

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with 4 oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Commendation Medal

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with 1 oak leaf cluster

Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with 3 oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 star device

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

Air and Space Overseas Ribbon Short

Air and Space Overseas Ribbon Long

Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

Air and Space Longevity Service Ribbon with 2 oak leaf clusters

Developmental Special Duty Ribbon

Air and Space Training Ribbon

NATO Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      May 31, 2006

First Lieutenant      May 31, 2008

Captain      May 31, 2010

Major      September 1, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel      May 1, 2021

(Current as of July 2022)