



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KENNETH A. MCDONALD

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth A. "Allan" McDonald is the Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 005 at Auburn University. He serves as 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.

Lt Col McDonald received his commission in 1999 through AFROTC at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a Master Combat Systems Officer (CSO), and has flown over 2,000 hours, serving as an instructor electronic warfare officer and flight examiner in the RC-135U and instructor CSO in the T-1A aircraft. He has combat hours during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan supporting Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. Lt Col McDonald is a Joint Qualified Officer.



EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2007 Master of Human Resources Administration degree, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI
2009 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
2015 Air War College (Correspondence)
2015 Joint Professional Military Education - Phase II, Joint Forces Staff College, VA
2017 Command and Control Warrior Advanced Course, Hurlburt Field, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1999 - July 2000, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
2. July 2000 - May 2001, Student, RC-135U Electronic Warfare Officer Training, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
3. June 2001 - December 2005, RC-135U Instructor Electronic Warfare Officer and Flight Examiner, Offutt AFB, Nebraska
4. January 2006 – March 2010, Branch Chief/Flight Commander and later Assistant Operations Officer, Signals Analysis Squadron, National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
5. April 2010 – May 2013, T-1A Instructor Combat systems Officer/Assistant Director of Operations and later Director of Staff, 479th Operations Support Squadron, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida
6. June 2013 – June 2016, Deputy Branch Chief/JTE Military Lead, Operations Officer, and later Officer in Charge, Air Force Center of Excellence, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), Lackland AFB, Texas
7. June 2016 – June 2018, Operational Assessment Team Chief and later Deputy Strategy Division Chief, 608th Air Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
8. June 2018 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 005, Auburn University, Alabama

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master Combat Systems Officer

Flight hours: More than 2,000

Aircraft flown: RC-135U and T-1A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 12, 1999

First Lieutenant April 12, 2001

Captain April 12, 2003

Major October 1, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel April 1, 2014

(Current as of June 2019)