



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR JOHN-ANTHONY E. FORD

Major John-Anthony E. Ford is an Associate Professor of Aerospace Studies for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), Detachment 905, at Washington State University and the University of Idaho, based out of Pullman, Washington. As the Director of Operations, he leads, recruits, trains, and counsels 100 Air and Space Force cadets, supporting 4 local universities.

Major Ford earned his commission in 2012 through AFROTC at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas, Detachment 004. After commissioning, he supervised various teams for operational contracting (construction, commodities, services, Government Purchase Cards, and Specialized Software Maintenance) in support of the 75th Air Base Wing, directing a \$122 Million portfolio.

Next, he served as the Procurement Contracting Officer for a \$2 Billion contract, managing an Integrated Product Team responsible to provide acquisition capability for Early Warning Radars and Upgraded Early Warning Radars. Additionally, he concurrently led a 411-member team on a \$455 Million source selection in support of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Cheyenne Mountain Complex as well as leading a \$20 Million source selection for High-Altitude Electromagnetic Pulse (HEMP) hardening contract supporting a radar station at Clear Air Force Station, Alaska.



Prior to his current assignment, he was an Acting Flight Commander and the Acting Director of Operations for the 766 Enterprise Sourcing Squadron, responsible for sustaining the Alaskan Radar System as well as remote airfields across Alaska and Wake Island, leading a \$1 Billion portfolio, including 398 contractors at 45 sites, securing \$11 Billion of assets & enabling 80,000 sorties. He has ample experience negotiating with both large corporations and local small businesses, executing complex multi-million-dollar legal claims, and serving as a business advisor to Air Force Senior Leaders.

EDUCATION:

2006 Associate of Science (General), College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, Nevada
2012 Bachelor of Science and Business Administration in International Business, University of Nevada - Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada
2013 Mission-Ready Contracting Officer Course, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
2013 Certified Acquisition Professional Development Program, Level I (Program Management)
2016 Master of Business Administration, Webster University, Webster Groves, Missouri
2016 Certified Acquisition Professional Development Program, Level III (Contracting)
2018 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2022 Language Enabled Airman Program – Certified Proficiency in Spanish

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 2012 – September 2015, Team Lead, Air Force Sustainment Center, Operating Location: Hill (OL:H), Hill AFB, UT
2. October 2015 – Oct 2019, Team Lead, Strategic Warning and Surveillance Systems Division, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Peterson AFB, CO
3. Oct 2019 – Jun 2022: Deputy Commander, Pacific Region Acquisitions Flight, 766th Enterprise Sourcing Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
4. Jun 2022 – Present, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 905, Washington State University/University of Idaho, Pullman, Washington

DEPLOYMENTS:

1. October 2017 – April 2018: Camp Vance, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal x2
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal x2

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

2013 AFSC OL:H Contracting Directorate Company Grade Officer of the 4th Quarter
2014 AFSC OL:H Contracting Directorate Company Grade Officer of the Year
2015 Certificate of Appointment for \$1 Million Warranted Contracting Officer
2015 AFSC OL:H Contracting Directorate Company Grade Officer of the 2nd Quarter
2016 Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Strategic Warning and Surveillance Division (AFLCMC/HBQ) Junior Company Grade Officer of the 2nd Quarter
2017 Certificate of Appointment for Unlimited Warrant Contracting Officer
2017 Certificate of Appointment for SOCOM \$1.5 Million Warranted Contingency Contracting Officer (Deployed)
2020: 766 Enterprise Sourcing Squadron Company Grade Officer of the 4th Quarter
2020: 766 Enterprise Sourcing Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Year
2021: 766 Enterprise Sourcing Squadron Company Grade Officer of the 2nd Quarter
2021: 766 Enterprise Sourcing Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Year
2022: AFICC/HBQ Contracting Group: Lance P. Sijan Award Nominee
2022: #IAMIMSC Humanitarian Award (NAF-Level)
2023 Air Education and Training Command: Language Enabled Airman of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant May 19, 2012
First Lieutenant Jul 24, 2014
Captain Jul 24, 2016
Major Apr 1, 2022

(CURRENT AS OF MAY 2023)