



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR JOHN D. DURAY

Major John D. Duray is an MQ-9 Evaluator Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, 3rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. He commands an MQ-9 Reaper crew in direct combat support of our nation's elite Special Operations Forces. Additionally, he is entrusted to evaluate aircrew members' ability to execute Joint Force Air Component Commander priority missions requiring persistent armed reconnaissance. As an Assistant Director of Operations, Major Duray is directly responsible for the successful execution of combat operations for AFSOC's largest MQ-9 squadron, overseeing seven combat lines conducting 24/7/365 operations in four separate geographic regions.



Major Duray graduated from Duke University in 2006 where he commissioned as a Distinguished Graduate through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. He went on to serve as a U-28 Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander for the 319th Special Operations Squadron. He has led an expeditionary special operations flying squadron as director of operations and served as an executive officer at both the squadron and group levels. Prior to his current position, the major was the Chief of Standards and Evaluations, 3rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM.

Major Duray is a senior pilot with more than 3,200 flight hours. He has deployed seven times to four different areas of responsibility, flying 403 combat missions. He has earned 16 Air Medals and 3 Aerial Achievement Medals while supporting Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM SENTINEL.

EDUCATION:

- 2006 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2007 Air and Space Basic Course, In Residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence and In Residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 Master of Arts, International Relations, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK
- 2017 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. April 2007 – December 2008, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, OK
2. January 2009 – December 2009, Pilot, Special Operations Squadron, Pope AFB, NC

3. January 2010 – August 2010, Student, U-28A Mission Qualification Training, Hurlburt Field, FL
4. September 2010 – August 2013, U-28A Pilot and Executive Officer, 319th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
5. August 2013 – August 2014, U-28A Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, 319th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
6. September 2014 – January 2015, Student, MQ-9 Mission Qualification Training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
7. February 2015 – February 2016, MQ-9 Evaluator Pilot and Chief of Standards and Evaluations, 3rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
8. February 2016 – March 2017, MQ-9 Evaluator Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, Combat Operations, 3rd Special Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM
9. April 2017 – June 2017, Fellow, DARPA Service Chiefs Fellows Program, Arlington, VA
10. July 2017 – July 2018, Fellow, Air Force Strategic Policy Fellowship, Washington, DC

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,200 (1,917 combat)

Aircraft Flown: T-6, T-38, C-208, PC-12, U-28, MQ-9

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Medal with fifteen oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant, July 2006

First Lieutenant, July 2008

Captain, July 2010

Major, October 2016

(Current as of August 2017)