



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR MATTHEW A. SPINKS

Maj Matthew Spinks is the Operations Officer and Assistant Professor, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 590 University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. He is responsible for organizing all military training events for 35 students. He is responsible for four cadre members tasked to educate general military and professional officer course students on Air and Space Force policy and regulations in preparation for commission as 2nd Lieutenants in the United States Air Force.

Major Spinks earned his commission in 2011 from the Air Force ROTC program at the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology. He completed undergraduate combat system officer training and was awarded his wings at Pensacola NAS, Fla. He is a senior navigator with more than 2,700 hours in the EC-130H COMPASS CALL and E-3 AWACS including over 700 combat hours. He most recently served as the Deputy Chief, Standardization and Evaluations, 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., where he supervised nine flight examiners and was responsible for developing and maintaining group training, evaluations, and aircrew record management programs.



### EDUCATION

2011 Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NMex.

2016 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2018 Master of Arts, Emergency and Disaster Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W.Va.

2023 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2011 – March 2013, Student, Navigator Training Training, Pensacola NAS, Fla.
2. March 2013 – July 2013, Student, E-3 Initial Qualification Training, Tinker AFB, Okla.
3. July 2013 – February 2015, E-3 Navigator, 963d Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
4. February 2015 – September 2015, E-3 Instructor Navigator, 963d Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
5. September 2015 – May 2016, Assistant Flight Commander, 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
6. May 2016 – July 2017, Squadron Executive Officer, Evaluator Navigator, 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.
7. July 2017 – February 2018, Student, EC-130H 42d Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
8. February 2018 – June 2019, Flight Commander, Safety & Security, EC-130H Navigator, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

9. June 2019 – November 2019, Flight Commander, Mobility, EC-130H Instructor Navigator, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
10. November 2019 – June 2020, Group Executive Officer, Evaluator Navigator, 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
11. June 2020 – July 2022, Deputy Chief, Group Standardization and Evaluations, Evaluator Navigator, 55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
12. July 2022 – Present, Operations Officer, Assistant Professor, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 590 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Senior Navigator

Flight Hours: more than 2,700

Aircraft Flown: T-6, T-1, E-3B/C/G, EC-130H

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant      May 13, 2011

First Lieutenant        June 19, 2013

Captain                    June 19, 2015

Major                      May 1, 2021

(Current as of January 2024)