



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. PAUL COOPER III

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Cooper is the Deputy Commander, 36th Contingency Response Group, Andersen Air Force Guam. As Deputy Commander, he manages 500 combat ready Airmen across five squadrons for PACAF's only expeditionary Air Base opening, Combat Communications, Security Forces, RED HORSE and Air Advising mission.

Colonel Cooper graduated from the University of Washington in 2004 receiving his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps with academic distinction. He has served at the Flight, Squadron, Group, Wing, and Numbered Air Force level. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Cooper served as the Commander, 361st Recruiting Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord Washington where he was responsible for recruiting future Airmen and Space Professionals across a 728,000 square mile Area of Responsibility spanning Washington, Oregon and Alaska



During his career Colonel Cooper has deployed in support of numerous operations including Operations INHERENT RESOLVE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, ODYSSEY DAWN and JUNIPER MICRON.

### EDUCATION

- 2004 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle Washington
- 2005 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2010 Master of Business Administration, Liberty University, Lynchburg Virginia
- 2011 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 2015 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (correspondence)
- 2016 Masters in Counseling and Leadership, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Colorado (IDE)
- 2018 Air Advisor Academy, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey
- 2022 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (correspondence)

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 2004 – September 2005, Student, Airfield Operations Officer Training Program, Moody AFB, Georgia
2. September 2005 – November 2008, Airfield Operations Systems Officer, 60th Operations Support Squadron, Travis AFB, California

3. September 2007 – March 2008, Combat Airspace Manager, Combat Operations Division, 609<sup>th</sup> Combined Air and Space Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
4. November 2008 – January 2012, Airfield Operations Flight Commander, 6th Operations Support Squadron, MacDill AFB, Florida
5. February 2011 – August 2011, Deputy Chief of Airfield Operations, Operations Directorate, HQ USAFCENT, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
6. January 2012 – July 2012, Executive Officer, 6th Operations Group, MacDill AFB, Florida
7. July 2012 – June 2014, Director of Operations (Phoenix Mobility Intern), 818 Global Mobility Readiness Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey
8. June 2014 – May 2015, Chief of Wing Operations (Phoenix Mobility Intern), 621 Contingency Response Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey
9. May 2015 – May 2016, Air Officer Commanding Program, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
10. June 2016 – May 2017, Commander, Company I, 1st Regiment, United States Corp of Cadets, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York
11. May 2017 – June 2018, Commander, 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment, United States Corp of Cadets, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York
12. June 2018 – May 2020, Director of Operations, 89th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
13. June 2020 – July 2022, Commander, 361st Recruiting Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
14. July 2022 - Present, Deputy Commander, 36th Contingency Response Group, Andersen AFB, Guam

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

Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster  
 Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal  
 Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Humanitarian Service Medal  
 Air and Space Campaign Medal  
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster  
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/Gold Border with two Oak Leaf Clusters

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

Second Lieutenant	June 25, 2004
First Lieutenant	June 25, 2006
Captain	June 25, 2008
Major	January 1, 2015
Lieutenant Colonel	June 1, 2019