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MAJOR MATTHEW E. CAIN

Maj Matthew E. Cain is an Intermediate Developmental Education Student at United States Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. He currently studies a joint curriculum that includes Security Studies, Evolution of Warfare, Operational Problem Solving, Military Planning, Evolving National Security Concepts, and Leadership. Additionally, he critically analyzes components of theater strategy, applies joint principles and lessons learned to complex international operations. Upon graduation, he will receive his Master of Military Studies degree from the Marine Corps University.

Major Cain earned his commission through the United States Air Force Academy in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering Human Factors. As a career Defender, he has led the Air Force's finest men and women in nuclear weapon security, nuclear weapon convoys, base defense, law enforcement, fly-away security, international cooperative security, counterterrorism, confinement, logistics, combat arms, and military working dog operations. Prior to his current position, he was an exchange officer serving as the Senior Staff Officer Force Protection, 1 Canadian Air Division, CFB Winnipeg, Canada.



EDUCATION

2012 Bachelor of Science, Systems Engineering Human Factors, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

2013 Security Forces Basic Officer Course, Camp Bullis, Texas

2014 Air Force Global Strike Command Nuclear Convoy Course, Camp Guernsey, Wyoming

2015 United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa Fly Away Security Course, Ramstein AB, Germany

2017 Integrated Defense Command and Control Course, Lackland AFB, Texas

2018 Master of Business Administration Entrepreneurship, American Military University, Charlestown, West Virginia

2018 Security Forces Advanced Officer Course, Lackland AFB, Texas

2018 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2019 Antiterrorism Level II Course for Special Operations Forces, Cannon AFB, New Mexico

2019 Security Cooperation Management Overseas, Defense Institute of Security Cooperation Studies, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

2026 Master of Military Studies, Marine Corps University, MCB Quantico, Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. August 2012 – January 2014, Flight Commander, 341st Missile Security Forces Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
2. January 2014 – February 2015, OIC Convoy Response Force, 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
3. February 2015 – February 2017, Operations Officer, 422d Air Base Group, RAF Croughton, United Kingdom
4. February 2017 – June 2019, Operations Officer, 27th Special Operations Security Forces Squadron, Cannon AFB, New Mexico
5. June 2019 – July 2020, Chief, Technical Security Team, Office of the Defense Representative – Pakistan, US Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan





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6. July 2020 – July 2022, Chief of Security Forces, 704th Munitions Support Squadron, Ghedi AB, Italy
7. July 2022 – June 2024, Commander, 19th Security Forces Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas
8. June 2024 – June 2025, Division Chief Force Protection, Military Personnel Exchange Program, Americas Region, with duty at Headquarters, 1 Canadian Air Division, Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg, Canada
9. June 2025 – Present, Intermediate Development Education Student, USMC University, MCB Quantico, Virginia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Achievement Medal
Meritorious Unit Award
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 23, 2012
First Lieutenant May 23, 2014
Captain May 23, 2016
Major January 1, 2022

(Current as of June 2026)

