



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN CHRIS D. HEKOWCZYK

Captain Chris Hekowczyk is the Operations Flight Commander at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 25, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. He oversees and is responsible for all facets of cadet training and discipline, including directing/supervising leadership laboratory, field training preparation, and career guidance within the detachment. Additionally, Captain Hekowczyk is an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies and instructs Aerospace Studies 201/203, which develops student knowledge of air and space power through a historical perspective, discussing Air Force Core Values, team and leadership fundamentals, and developing communication skills.

Captain Hekowczyk enlisted in the Air Force in 2008 and received his commission through Officer Training School in 2019. During his nearly 12 years of enlisted service, he served across many positions to include Aircraft Maintenance, deploying in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Inherent Resolve, Cyber Client Systems Operations, Ceremonial Guardsmen with the USAF Honor Guard in the National Capital Region, as well as Ceremonies and Protocol for the Air Force District of Washington supporting foreign dignitaries, NATO allies, two Chief of Staff of the Air Force, numerous General Officers, and the 44th President of the United States. As a 2nd Lieutenant, he led the F-35 Mission Defense Team for the Air Force's largest fighter wing, enabling his team to provide critical software feedback ensuring the F-35's logistics information system was protected Air Force wide. Additionally, he coordinated with 77 Mission Defense Teams worldwide and relayed critical cyber defense methodology across 5 different MAJCOMs. As a 1st Lieutenant, he was the Flight Commander for Network Operations. Prior to his current position, Captain Hekowczyk was the Flight Commander for Plans and Programs, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona.



EDUCATION

2011 Airman Leadership School, Joint Base Andrews, MD
2015 Bachelor of Science, Computer & Network Security, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD
2016 NCO Academy, Course 15 Non-Residence
2019 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2020 Undergraduate Cyber Training, Keesler AFB, MS
2021 Cyber Protect and Defend Course, Little Rock AFB, AR
2023 Master of Science, Information Assurance & Cybersecurity, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2008 - February 2008, Trainee, 322d Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
2. February 2008 - March 2008, Student, 333d Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS
3. April 2008 - August 2008, Student, 365th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, TX

4. August 2008 - January 2011, Electronic Warfare (EW) Systems Craftsman, 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ (January 2010 – May 2010, EW Craftsman, 41st Expeditionary Combat Squadron, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait)
5. January 2011 - January 2014, Ceremonial Guardsmen, USAF Honor Guard, 11th Operations Group, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, D.C.
6. January 2014 - January 2015, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, Ceremonies & Protocol, Air Force District of Washington, JBAB, D.C. & Joint Base Andrews, MD
7. January 2015 - February 2018, Special Operations Forces & Personnel Recovery Electronic Countermeasures (ECM) Craftsman, 923d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron/55th Helicopter Maintenance Unit (January 2017 – May 2017, ECM Craftsman, 55th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, Al Asad Air Base, Iraq)
8. February 2018 - May 2018, Student, 333d Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS
9. June 2018 - October 2019, NCOIC, Comm Focal Point, 17th Communications Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, TX
10. October 2019 - December 2019, Trainee, 24th Training Support Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. December 2019 - July 2020, Student, 333d Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS
12. July 2020 - July 2022, Team Lead, F-35 Mission Defense Team, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
13. July 2022 - January 2023, Officer in Charge, Network Operations, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
14. January 2023 - July 2023, Officer in Charge, Plans and Programs, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
15. July 2023 - July 2024, Education Officer, Air Force ROTC Detachment 025, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
16. July 2024 - July 2025, Operations Flight Commander, ROTC Detachment 025, Arizona State, Tempe, AZ

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class	Jan 2008
Senior Airman	Nov 2009
Staff Sergeant	Aug 2011
Technical Sergeant	Aug 2019
Second Lieutenant	Dec 2019
First Lieutenant	Dec 2021
Captain	Dec 2023

(CURRENT AS OF APRIL 2025)