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LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANGELICA MARIA S. HEIDERICH

Lieutenant Colonel Angelica Maria S. Heiderich is the Senior Military Assistant to the Director of Staff, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters Department of the Air Force, Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In this role, she serves as a senior advisor and assistant to the Director of Staff on military matters. She also supports the supervision of all matters pertaining to integrating Military Services positions into Departmental policies and strategy and providing personnel and resource management support to the offices of the Secretary of the Air Force and Undersecretary of the Air Force.

In 2006, Lt Col Heiderich was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduating from Texas A&M University. Later that year, she achieved Combat Ready status in the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system. She has since held several operational positions, including Missile Combat Crew Commander, Instructor, Evaluator, Codes Controller, and Assistant Director of Operations. Lt Col Heiderich also possesses experience as an ICBM Initial Skills Training Instructor and curriculum developer and has served as a Command Post Chief for Nuclear Command and Control Operations. Her staff assignments include positions at Air Force Global Strike Command, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs. Prior to her current assignment, she served as a Military Assistant to the Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and concluded her time as a detailee to the Office of Nuclear Matters.



EDUCATION

2006 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Texas A&M University, Texas

2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2013 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2015 Master of Business Administration and Management, Trident University International, Cypress, Calif.

2019 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (by correspondence)

2023 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

2024 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2006 - December 2006 student, Minuteman III - Rapid Execution and Combat Targeting Initial Qualification Training, 392d Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
2. January 2007 - April 2008, Minuteman III - REACT Missile Combat Crew Member, 742nd Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
3. April 2008 - March 2009, Minuteman III - REACT Deputy Missile Combat Crew Evaluator, 91st Operations Group, Minot AFB, N.D.
4. March 2009 - March 2010, Minuteman III - REACT Assistant Flight Commander and Missile Combat Crew Commander, 742nd Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
5. March 2010 - November 2010, Minuteman III - REACT Missile Combat Crew Commander Instructor, 91st Operations Support Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.





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6. November 2010 - July 2011, Minuteman III – REACT Codes Controller, 91st Operations Support Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
7. July 2011 - December 2011, Chief, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Quality Assurance, 91st Operations Support Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.
8. December 2011 - August 2014, ICBM Operations Training Instructor, 392d/532d Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
9. August 2014 - June 2015, ICBM Senior Instructor, 532d Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
10. June 2015 - November 2015, Flight Commander, ICBM Operations Training, 532d Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
11. November 2015 - August 2017, Command ICMB Inspector, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
12. August 2017 - February 2018, Chief, ICMB Inspector, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
13. February 2018 - August 2018, Executive Officer to the Inspector General, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
14. August 2018 - June 2019, Assistant Director of Operations, 321st Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
15. June 2019 - June 2020, Assistant Director of Operations, ICBM Current Operations, 90th Operations Support Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
16. June 2020 - August 2021, Chief, Nuclear Command and Control Operations, 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
17. August 2021 - January 2022, Policy Analyst, START Nuclear, Chemical & Biological Branch, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.
18. February 2022 - June 2023, Military Assistant to the Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va.
19. June 2023 - August 2023, Student, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
20. September 2023 - June 2024, Detailee, Nuclear Integration & Risk Management, Nuclear Matters, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical & Biological Defense Programs, Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
21. July 2024 - Present, Senior Military Assistant, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force Director of Staff, Pentagon, VA

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2021 - January 2022, Policy Analyst, START Nuclear, Chemical & Biological Branch, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va., as a Lieutenant Colonel
2. February 2022 - August 2023, Military Assistant to the Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va., as a Lieutenant Colonel
3. September 2023 - June 2024, Detailee, Nuclear Integration & Risk Management, Nuclear Matters, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical & Biological Defense Programs, Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a Lieutenant Colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air and Space Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award
Combat Readiness Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" device

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES

Master Missile Operations Badge
Basic Space Operations Badge
Air Education and Training Master Instructor Badge





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EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 2006

First Lieutenant May 31, 2008

Captain May 31, 2010

Major Sep 1, 2016

Lieutenant Colonel Sep 1, 2021

(Current as of May 2025)

