



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CAPTAIN RUSSELL M. BOWMAN

Capt Russell M. Bowman is the Operations Officer of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 915 at West Virginia University. He is responsible for Detachment operations to include overseeing the cadet wing, leadership training, and mentorship of the Detachment's officer candidates to prepare them to commission as Air Force officers.

Capt Bowman began his career in December 2010 when he enlisted in the Air Force as an Airman First Class. Upon graduation from basic training, Capt Bowman attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. He graduated from the Pashto course in July, 2012 and attended follow on training via the intelligence fundamentals and cryptologic courses at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, graduating in November 2012. From November 2013 to September 2016, Capt Bowman was assigned to the 94th Intelligence Squadron, Fort Meade, Md. Capt Bowman served as a Pashto Cryptologic Language Analyst, working over 200 missions and 1,000 hours on the Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS) supporting missions in Afghanistan.

From September 2016 to October 2020, Capt Bowman was assigned to the 313th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, Texas. Capt Bowman served as the Course Chief for the Cryptologic Operator (CO) Course within the DCGS Formal Training Unit (FTU). During this time he led a four-member instructor team, instructed over 2,000 hours, and rewrote the course to meet AETC standards.



In December 2019, Capt Bowman graduated from Officer Training School and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant. Upon graduation Capt Bowman attended the Intelligence Officer Course at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. He graduated in October 2020 and was assigned to the 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C. where he served as Chief of Intelligence Operations for the 437th Operational Support Squadron until November 2022, and the Chief of Special Operations Intelligence for the 437th Operations Group until June 2023.

### EDUCATION

2012 Pashto Course, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.  
2014 Associates Degree in Intelligence Technology, Community College of the Air Force  
2015 Airman Leadership School, Fort Mead, Md.  
2017 Bachelor of Arts, International Politics, Pennsylvania State University  
2019 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2022 Masters of Professional Studies, Applied Intelligence, Georgetown University

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2011 – July 2012, student, Pashto Course, 314 TRS, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.
2. July 2012 – November 2012, student, Intelligence Fundamentals, 316 TRS, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
3. November 2012 – September 2015, Cryptologic Language Analyst, 94 IS, Ft. Meade, Md.

4. September 2015 – September 2016, Resource Advisor, 94 IS, Ft. Meade, Md.
5. September 2016 – October 2020, Course Chief, DCGS FTU, 313 TRS, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
6. October 2019 – December 2019, Officer Trainee, 324 TRS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. December 2019 – October 2020, Student, Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
8. October 2020 – June 2023, OIC, Intelligence Operations, 437 AW, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.
9. June 2023 – Present, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Det 915, West Virginia University

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

Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Army Achievement Medal

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

Airman First Class, March 2011

Senior Airman, April 2013

Staff Sergeant, April 2016

Technical Sergeant, January 2019

Second Lieutenant, December 2019

First Lieutenant, December 2021

Captain, December 2023

(Current as of March 2024)