



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN ROBERT V. COMPTON III

Captain Robert V. Compton III is an Assistance Professor in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), at Tennessee State University, Nashville Tennessee. As the Detachment Operations Flight Commander, he is responsible for the oversight of the Cadet Wing and AFROTC training through a comprehensive program at Tennessee State University and 11 cross-town universities. Additionally, Captain Compton instructs at the AS 300 level on management fundamentals, personnel and evaluation systems, leadership ethics, and communication skills required of an Air Force officer.



Captain Compton was commissioned in June 2016 through AFROTC upon graduation from California State University, Sacramento. After completing technical training at Goodfellow AFB, he was assigned to the 86th Operation Support Squadron as the Officer in Charge of Intelligence Operations, supporting C-130 operations across USEUCOM and USAFRICOM. He deployed as the Senior Intelligence Officer to the 435th Air Expeditionary Wing, where he oversaw threat reporting and force protection intelligence for all USAF locations in Africa. Upon returning from this deployment, Captain Compton was assigned as the Flight Commander for an imagery collection team at the 24th Intelligence Squadron, managing strike validation and high-priority missions across USCENTCOM and USAFRICOM. He was then tasked to lead a DevOps team at the 693rd Intelligence Support Squadron, developing tools and applications for intelligence functions. After departing Germany, Captain Compton was assigned to the 16th Air Force (AFCYBER) staff in the Intelligence Planning & Strategy Division. His team provided intelligence support to offensive cyber operations and information warfare. During this assignment, he was deployed to the 603rd Air Operations Center for contingency operations, he managed air intelligence collection execution for USAFE/AFAFRICA operations. Most recently, Captain Compton was by-name requested to serve as the Executive Officer to the Director of Intelligence, managing communications and administrative functions for 130 personnel across the directorate.

EDUCATION

2015 Bachelor's Degree in Political Science :International Relations, CSUS, Sacramento, California
2003 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2017 – November 2017, Student, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB TX
2. December 2017 – December 2019, Officer-in-Charge, Intelligence Operations, 86th Operations Support Squadron, Ramstein AB DEU
3. April 2019 – October 2019, Senior Intelligence Officer, 435th Air Expeditionary Wing, Ramstein AB DEU
4. January 2020 – May 2021, Flight Commander, 24th Intelligence Squadron, Ramstein AB DEU
5. May 2021 – December 2021, Flight Commander, 693rd Intelligence Support Squadron, Ramstein AB DEU
6. January 2022 – April 2024, Chief, Intelligence Planning Branch, 16th Air Force (AFCYBER) Intelligence Directorate, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX
7. May 2024 – June 2025, Executive Officer, 16th Air Force (AFCYBER) Intelligence Directorate, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX
8. June 2025 – Present, Operations Flight Commander, AFROTC Detachment 790, Tennessee State University, TN

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	June 10, 2016
First Lieutenant	October 28, 2018
Captain	October 28, 2022

(Current as of 1 July 2025)