



# BIOGRAPHY

## **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

### **CAPTAIN BARRY F. CRAWFORD JR.**

Capt Barry F. Crawford Jr. received his commission in 2003 from the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colorado. He is currently assigned to the 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron (A-10C), Maryland Air National Guard where he is an Undergraduate Pilot Training candidate. He was previously the Officer in Charge of the Weapons and Tactics Flight, 21st Special Tactics Squadron (21 STS), 720th Special Tactics Group (720 STG), Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), Hurlburt Field, Fla. The 21st STS organizes, trains, and equips Special Tactics forces for worldwide deployment. The Weapons and Tactics Flight is composed of airmen from eight different Air Force Specialty Codes and is responsible for the unit's Standards and Evaluations program, USAF Combat Control (CCT) career field upgrade training, Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) training, and subject matter experts for Close Air Support Tactics, Training, and Procedures (TTPs), ensuring the squadron remains combat mission ready (CMR).

His career includes multiple assignments as a Special Tactics flight commander, and as an Assistant Director of Operations. He received the 352<sup>nd</sup> Special Operations Group and Team Mildenhall Company Grade Officer of the Year Awards in 2008. Prior to his current assignment, Capt Crawford served as the Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander/Assistant Director of Operations, 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Army Airfield and Combat Control Flight Commander, 321st Special Tactics Squadron, 352nd Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, Special Operations Command-Europe, United Kingdom.

### **EDUCATION**

2003 Bachelor of Science Degree in Astronautical Engineering, minoring in Mathematics, USAFA

2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL

2011 Squadron Officer School, Course 20A (By Correspondence)

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. May 2003 – Nov 2003, Casual Lieutenant Program, 19<sup>th</sup> SOS, Hurlburt Field, FL
2. Nov 2003 – Jun 2006, Combat Control Officer Trainee, multiple installations
3. Jul 2006 – Jul 2009, Flight Commander, 321<sup>st</sup> Special Tactics Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK
4. Jul 2009 – Jun 2011, Asst Director of Operations/Flight Commander, 21<sup>st</sup> Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AAF, NC
5. Jun 2011 – Present, Student Flight (Awaiting Undergraduate Pilot Training), 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron (A-10C), Warfield ANG Base, Maryland Air National Guard

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star

Purple Heart

Air Force Commendation Medal w/ Valor and 2 devices

Air Force Combat Action Medal

Meritorious Unit Award w/ 2 devices

AF Outstanding Unit Award w/ 1 device

Combat Readiness Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ 1 device

Iraq Campaign Medal w/ 1 device

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Short

AF Overseas Ribbon Long

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ Gold Border and 2 devices

AF Longevity Service w/ 1 device

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon w/ 1 device

Navy Expert Rifle Medal

AF Training Ribbon

NATO Medal w/ 1 device

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2008 352<sup>nd</sup> Special Operations Group (company grade officer category)

2008 Team Mildenhall (company grade officer category)

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant    May 2003

First Lieutenant      May 2005

Captain                 May 2007

(Current as of Mar 2012)