BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

CAPTAIN JORDAN A. HEARD



Capt Jordan Heard serves as an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 165 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. In this role, he is responsible for advising, mentoring, and evaluating the leadership capabilities of more than 150 officer candidates at the Georgia Institute of Technology and eleven additional crosstown colleges. Capt Heard also serves as the Detachment Recruiting Officer, identifying and recruiting highly eligible candidates for participation in the Detachment's program.

Capt Heard entered the Air Force in 2018 after receiving a commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of South Alabama. He transferred to the Space Force in 2020. Capt Heard is a career Space Operations Officer with experience in Missile Warning, Missile and Space Defense, Joint Planning and Integration and Overhead Persistent Infrared Operations.

Prior to this assignment, He served as the Joint Overhead Persistent Infrared Center (JOPC) Weapons Team Strategist, assigned to the 72 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Squadron, Detachment 7 at Buckley Space Force Base, Colorado. As a Strategist, Capt Heard communicated with collection managers from multiple intelligence community agencies and combatant commands to create strategies for Department of Defense and Intelligence Community sensors to optimize collection and capabilities.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama
2021 Master of Science in Consumer Science Management, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
2022 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2018 - September 2018, Student, Officer Undergraduate Space Training, 392d Training Squadron, Vandenberg SFB, CA.
2. January 2019 - May 2019, Student, Mission Qualification Training, 460th Operation Support Squadron, Buckley SFB, CO.
3. June 2019 - September 2020, Mission Commander, Space Based Infrared Systems (SBIRS), 11th Space Warning Squadron, Buckley SFB, CO.
4. October 2020 - August 2021, Crew Commander, OPIR Battlespace Awareness Center (OBAC), 11th Space Warning Squadron, Buckley SFB, CO.
5. September 2021 - May 2022, Deputy Chief, Commander's Action Group, Space Delta 4, Buckley SFB, CO.

6. June 2022 – May 2024, Strategist, 72d Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Squadron, Detachment 7, Buckley SFB, CO
7. June 2024 – Present, Operations Flight Commander, AFROTC Detachment 165, Atlanta, Georgia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Remote Combat Effects Campaign Medal
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 23, 2018
First Lieutenant	May 23, 2020
Captain	May 23, 2022

(Current as of October 2025)