



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES E. COOPER

James E. Cooper is an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies (APAS) at Detachment 159, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) at the University of Central Florida (UCF), Orlando, Florida.

Lt Col Cooper received his commission in 2004 through the AFROTC program at the Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. His career highlights include various positions in the communications and cyberspace operational mission arenas to include two Joint Task Force deployments to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Camp Lemonnier, D'jibouti.

Throughout his career, Lt Col Cooper has enabled vital communication and cyber operations for Air Mobility Command, USAFCENT and USSOCENT. Prior to his current assignment, he served in multiple leadership positions including Chief of Cyber Operations, Non-Kinetic Operations Division, J3 Operations Directorate, and Chief of Cyber Security, J6 Directorate, USSOCENT, Macdill AFB, FL.



### EDUCATION

- 2000 Bachelor of Communications, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2004 Masters of Communications, Florida State University, Tallahassee FL
- 2004 Officer Communications 100 Course, Keesler AFB, MS
- 2005 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 Cyberspace 200 Course, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
- 2015 Air Command and Staff College
- 2016 Cyberspace 300 Course, Wright Patterson AFB, OH

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Sep 2004 - Oct 2006, 805 Communications Support Squadron, Scott AFB, IL
2. Oct 2006 - Oct 2008, 375th MAJCOM Communications Coordination Center, Scott AFB, IL
3. Oct 2008 - Feb 2009, Information Assurance Manager, Joint Task Force-GTMO, Guantanamo NAS, Cuba

4. Feb 2009 – Jan 2014, Chief of Cyberspace Architecture Integration, Air Force Agency for Modeling & Simulation, Orlando, FL
5. Jan 2014 – Jan 2016, Chief of Communication Plans, USAFCENT, Shaw AFB, SC
6. Jan 2016 – Feb 2018, NOSC Director of Operations, USAFCENT, Shaw AFB, SC
7. Feb 2018 – Oct 2019, Chief of Cyberspace Operations, J39 USSOCENT, Macdill AFB, FL
8. Oct 2019 – May 2021, Chief of Cyberspace Security Division, J6 USSOCENT, Macdill AFB, FL
9. May 2021 – Present, Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, AFROTC Detachment 159, University of Central Florida, FL

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf

Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant September 11, 2004

First Lieutenant September 11, 2006

Captain September 11, 2008

Major March 1, 2015

Lieutenant Colonel November 1, 2019