



BIOGRAPHY

COLONEL KIRA C. COOPER

Colonel Kira Cooper is the Commander, Headquarters Readiness and Integration Organization, Detachment 7 at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in which she manages Individual Reserve matters for assigned members in the National Capital Region. She recently served on the Joint Staff J-1, Manpower and Personnel Directorate, after graduating from the Eisenhower School, in which she earned a master's degree in National Resource Strategy with a concentration in Financial Management at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Cooper earned her commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Tennessee State University in May 2003 and continued to serve in the active component for 8 years. She completed her initial assignment at Cannon Air Force Base, NM. During her tenure, Second Lieutenant Cooper served as the Officer-in-Charge of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron's Commander's Support Staff; a Squadron Adjutant for the 522d Fighter Squadron; and an Executive Officer for the 27th Operations Group. From 2006 to 2009, First Lieutenant Cooper was stationed at Yokota Air Base, Japan in which she served as a Section Commander for the Air Force's second largest Communications squadron; the wing's Military Equal Opportunity Chief; and led a 180-member Sustainment Services flight. In May 2008, she had the unique opportunity to deploy in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as the Officer-in-Charge of the Joint Personnel Reception Center. In October 2009, she was reassigned to Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) at Hurlburt Field, FL as the Chief of Support Officer Assignments.

In May 2011, Captain Cooper transitioned into the Air Force Reserve and remained at AFSOC as the 23d Air Force/A3 Executive Officer. In October 2012, she became the Air Force Reserve Service Liaison Officer to the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, FL. Her assignment was curtailed due to her selection to attend Air Command and Staff College in-residence at Air University in Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. Following her school tour, she moved to Atlanta, GA to become the Operations Officer for the Air Force Reserve Command's (AFRC) Eastern Recruiting Region. Major Cooper transitioned to the AFRC at Robins AFB, GA when she was selected to a key position as the Chief of Force Development within the Directorate of Manpower, Personnel, and Services. She was responsible for advising and translating Department of Defense, USAF, and USAFR policies and decisions into workable plans of actions. Subsequently, she was elevated to the Chief of Force Management, a new position added to the A1 Directorate, to lead the command's military personnel programs. While at AFRC, Lieutenant Colonel Cooper was the only Force Support Officer selected to command on active duty in 2019. She graduated command of the 87th Force Support Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ in which she was directly responsible for leading 1.4K active duty personnel in providing customer-focused activities and programs that enhance the quality of life for 88 mission partners spread across 42,000 acres.

EDUCATION

- 2003 Bachelor of Science Degree, Speech Pathology, Tennessee State University, Nashville
- 2009 Master of Business Administration, University of Phoenix, AZ
- 2010 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB AL
- 2014 Air Command & Staff College, Master of Military Operational Art & Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB AL
- 2015 Certificate of Executive Leadership, eCornell Online Education, Ithaca NY Master of
- 2022 National Resource Strategy, The Eisenhower School, Fort McNair, Washington D.C

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2003 – July 2004 OIC, Commander's Support Staff, 374th Mission Support Squadron, Cannon AFB NM
2. August 2004 – February 2005 Squadron Adjutant, 522d Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB NM
3. February 2005 – June 2006 Executive Officer, 27th Operations Group, Cannon AFB NM
4. June 2006 – June 2007 Section Commander, 374th Communications Squadron, Yokota AB Japan
5. June 2007 – May 2008 Chief, Military Equal Opportunity, 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota AB Japan
6. May 2008 – September 2008 OIC, Joint Personnel Reception Center, Joint Task Force – Guantanamo Bay Cuba
7. October 2008 – October 2009 Sustainment Services Flight Chief, 374th Force Support Squadron, Yokota AB Japan
8. October 2009 – March 2011 Chief, Non-Rated Operations/Support Officer Assignments, Hurlburt Field FL

9. March 2011 – June 2011 Executive Officer, 5th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field FL
10. June 2011- November 2012 Executive Officer, Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field FL
11. November 2012 – July 2013 Air Force Reserve Service Liaison Officer, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Patrick AFB FL
12. August 2013 – June 2014 Student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB AL
13. July 2014 – February 2016 Operations Officer, Eastern Recruiting Region, Atlanta, GA
14. March 2016 – April 2018 Chief, Force Development, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, GA
15. April 2018 – May 2019 Chief, Force Management, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, GA
16. June 2019 – June 2021 Commander, 87th Force Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
17. July 2021 – June 2022 Student, The Eisenhower School for National Security & Resource Strategy, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
18. June 2022 – February 2024 Joint Personnel Readiness Officer, Joint Staff J-1, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
19. February 2024 – present Commander, HQ/RIO Detachment 7, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with three oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 28, 2003
First Lieutenant	May 28, 2005
Captain	May 28, 2007
Major	May 28, 2012
Lieutenant Colonel	August 31, 2018
Colonel	February 11, 2024

(Current as of May 2025)