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**Overview**

- Seasoned MQ-9A Instructor/Evaluator Sensor Operator (SO) for the Arizona Air National Guard 214th Attack Group (ATKG).
- Accumulated 2750+ hours conducting Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Signal Intelligence, and precise weapon employment across diverse Areas of Operations (AORs).
- Roles include Assistant Flight and previous Weapons and Tactics NCOIC.
- Short-term goal: Develop Flight Commander abilities to lead SOs for mission success.
- Long-term goal: Complete the final year of a Bachelor's degree in Applied Computing and Programming, aiming for a Deserving Airmen position.

**Military Professional Experience**

*Sensor Operator, Instructor, Evaluator (K1U071R)*

July 12, 2012 – Present

214th ATKG, Davis Monthan AFB, COAC | Tucson, AZ

Active Top Secret Security Clearance SCI

Assistant Flight Commander (Main Role)

- Assistant Flight Commander:
  - Work in conjunction with Flight Commander and delegated work. Stepping into the role in their absence.
  - Lead 20+ SOs in a flight utilizing supervision, mentoring, feedback, mission readiness, administrative duties, chain of command liaison, risk management, problem-solving, and role model to create future leaders.
  - Leading role is to blend leadership, technical expertise, and managerial skills for effective and efficient operations while fostering morale.
- NCOIC:
  - Maintain, disseminate, and become knowledgeable on current MQ-9 and Supported Unit(s) Techniques Tactics and Procedures (TTPs).
  - Develop or update TTPs as required.
  - Maintain Mission Qualification Training (MQT) Products, including briefs, instructor products, and simulator scenarios and products.
  - Quality Control After Action Reports and provide feedback to strike aircrew.
  - Liaison for the 214th ATKG with multiple external agencies, RPA units, our SU, and Joint units.
- Instruct/Evaluate:
  - Incoming Initial Qualified Sensors, Combat Certifications, currency re-hacks, internal training plans, continuation training, academics, and subject matter expert of the MQ-9.
  - Perform flight evaluator duties on SOs due for yearly evaluations.

- Operational Duties:
  - Perform duties as a mission control element (MCE) SO and co-pilot for the Pilot in command (PIC) of MQ-9A systems.
  - Assist in air navigation, fire control planning, and determining effective weapons tactics and effects.
  - Conduct pre-flight duties, briefs, and debriefs ensuring mission objectives, accomplishments, and safety.
  - Conduct patterns of life (POL) on potential or high-value targets.
  - Employ MQ-9A sensors, conduct battle damage assessments (BDA), and utilize various sensor systems.
  - Maintain MQ-9 Instructor and Mission Control Element currencies.
  - Trained and aided in the development of RPA TTPs with Supported Units at the Air Force Research Laboratory and the 214th ATKS.

### **Education/Military Training**

- US Air Force Basic Military Training: March 2013 – May 2013 (Honor Graduate)
- Various military courses including UAS Basic Sensor Operator Course, Joint Firepower Course, Initial Qualification Training, Airman Leadership School, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.
- Air University Associates of Applied Science: Air and Space Operations Technology (Dec 2018)
- University of Arizona, Major in Applied Computing and Programming, Senior Status (Present)

### **Skills/Achievements**

- 2545+ hours flight in RPA, 190 Instructor Hours, 20 Evaluator Hours.
- 524 Combat Sorties, 253 Support Sorties.
- 10 years' experience with RPA aircraft.
- Proficient in simulator operations, communication, crew resource management, operational risk management, and bilingual (Spanish).
- Skilled in Microsoft programs for briefings, schedules, and trackers.

### **Character Reference**

- Benjamin DeLaCruz III, Maj, USAF, 214 Attack Squadron, Pilot, Cell: 219-880-6342
- Kyle V. Strathman, Maj, AZANG, 214 ATKS B-Flight/CC, Pilot, Cell: 806-786-9227
- James Vanwinkle, Senior Master Sergeant Sensor Operator at the 214th ATKS, General Atomics, Phone: 623-760-5071