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LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL P. CARETTI

Lt Col Michael P Caretti is the Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 150 at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. He is responsible for leading the detachment's seven cadre in support of recruiting, training, and educating Air Force and Space Force officer candidates.

Lt Col Caretti was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May of 2007 after graduating from the University of Portland, Ore. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training in 2009 and has served as a UH-1N instructor and evaluator pilot at the squadron and wing levels. Before this assignment, he served in numerous positions, including Commander of Helmand Air Operations Detachment of the 438th Air Expeditionary Advisory Wing, Political-Military Fellow at the Department of State Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, and Deputy Chief of Future Operations Division at Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command.

Lt Col Caretti is an advanced air advisor, AETC master instructor, and senior pilot with more than 2,100 flying hours in the UH-1N, UH-60A, and MD-530F, including 97 combat hours in support of the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.



EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Portland, Portland, Ore.

2007 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2013 Master of Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Norwich University, Northfield Vt.

2014 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2017 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2021 Master of Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

2022 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2007 – May 2008, Executive Officer, 389th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
2. June 2008 – January 2009, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. February 2009 – October 2009, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training – Helicopter, Fort Rucker, Ala.
4. November 2009 – April 2010, Student, UH-1N Initial Qualification Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
5. May 2010 – May 2014, UH-1N Special Missions Evaluator Pilot, Chief of Safety, and Assistant Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, 1st Helicopter Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
6. June 2014 – July 2014, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. August 2014 – December 2017, UH-1N Evaluator Pilot, Flight Commander, Program Manager, and Assistant Director of Operations, 58th Training Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.





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8. January 2018 – December 2019, AFPAK Hand, Headquarters Air Force, Arlington, Va. (November 2018 –November 2019, Detachment Commander, 438th Air Expeditionary Advisory Wing, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan)
9. January 2020 – July 2020, Political - Military Fellow, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C.
10. August 2020 – May 2021, Student, College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
11. June 2021 – May 2023, Deputy Chief, Future Operations Division, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
12. June 2023 – Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 150, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Flight hours: more than 2100

Aircraft flown: T-6A, UH/TH-1H, UH-1N, HH-60G, UH-60A and MD-530F

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, with "C" device

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

PUBLICATIONS

"Assessing the Indirect Approach - Scaling Advisory Missions for Success," National Defense University, Ft McNair, VA, 2021

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 2007

First Lieutenant May 30, 2009

Captain May 30, 2011

Major May 1, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2022

(Current as of June 2025)

