



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



LT COL DAVID J. RATLIFF

Lt Col David Ratliff currently serves as Chief, DOD Strategic and Financial Management Environment, Defense Financial Management & Comptroller School, Ira C. Eaker Center for Professional Development, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He is responsible for providing graduate-level professional continuing education to senior level military and civilian personnel from all Services and DoD agencies. Lt Col Ratliff served as an Assistant Professor of Economics at the United States Air Force Academy and completed his PhD in Economics at George Mason University. A native of Logan, Utah, he earned his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Utah State University in 2001. Major Ratliff and his wife, Paula, have four children – Emily, Samuel, Michael, and Ian.

EDUCATION:

- 2001 Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Economics, Utah State University
- 2006 Basic Airborne Course, Fort Benning, GA
- 2007 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2009 Master of Science, Economic Theory, Utah State University
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2015 Doctor of Philosophy, Economics, George Mason University

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jan 2002 – Jul 2003 – SBIRS Low/STSS Budget Analyst, Los Angeles AFB, CA
2. Jul 2003 – Oct 2004 – DSP Financial Manager, Los Angeles AFB, CA
3. Oct 2004 – Jul 2006 – Chief, Financial Execution, HQ SOCEUR, Stuttgart, Germany
4. Jul 2006 – Jul 2007 – Chief, Financial Plans and Programs, HQ SOCEUR, Stuttgart, Germany
5. Jul 2007 – Dec 2008 – Student, AFIT/Civilian Institutions, Utah State University, UT
6. Dec 2008 – Jul 2012 – Instructor/Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Geospatial Sciences, USAFA, CO
7. Jul 2012 – Jul 2015 – Student, AFIT/Civilian Institutions, George Mason University, VA

8. Aug 2015 – Present – Chief, DOD Strategic and Financial Management Environment, Defense Financial Management & Comptroller School, Maxwell AFB, AL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 oak leaf cluster)
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal (1 oak leaf cluster)
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (1 oak leaf cluster)
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (1 oak leaf cluster)
2017 Air Education and Training Command Educator of the Year
2016 Air University Educator of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	4 January 2002
First Lieutenant	4 January 2004
Captain	4 January 2006
Major	1 January 2012
Lieutenant Colonel	1 January 2016

(Current as of Mar 2018)