



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LT COL RICARDO M. NIEVES

Lt Col Ricardo Nieves is the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps' Detachment 755, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Detachment 755 is the largest in Puerto Rico, training over 100 bi-lingual officer candidates annually. He is directly responsible for a cadre of 5 active duty airmen executing the training mission for cadets from 22 different campuses across the Island of Puerto Rico. He leads the recruiting, training, motivation, and development of officer candidates towards becoming Air Force Commissioned officers through a comprehensive college program comprised of fundamental Air Force doctrine, academic instruction, and practical leadership experiences. Lieutenant Colonel Nieves directs a rigorous program emphasizing fitness, expeditionary operations, and officership preparing cadets for active duty service.

Lt Col Nieves was commissioned in June of 1998 as a graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corp, University of Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras Campus, Puerto Rico. He has served in various space and missile operation assignments ranging from Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Operations to Missile Warning operations at a remote location.

EDUCATION:

1998 Bachelor of Science, Chemistry
1999 Undergraduate Space and Missile Training Course
2000 Missile Initial Qualification Training Course
2001 ICBM Operation Evaluator Training Course
2003 Advanced Space Operations, Space in the Air Operations & Missile Instructor Training Courses
2004 Squadron Officers' School & AETC Basic Instructor Course
2006 AETC Training Supervisor Course
2007 AETC Flight Commander's Course
2008 IDE - ACSC Correspondence
2011 Master of Aerospace Science in Space Studies

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jul 98 – Jun 99, Assistant Regional Director of Admissions, University of Miami, FL.
2. Jun 99 – Feb 00, Student, AETC, Vandenberg AFB AFB, CA.
3. Feb 00 – May 04, Missile Combat Crew, Evaluator and flight commander, 490 MS, Malmstrom AFB MT.
4. May 04 – Oct 08, , ICBM Initial Qualification Training Instructor, 392 TRS, Vandenberg AFB, CA
5. Oct 08 – Oct 09, Flight commander and Operations Officer, 12 SWS, Thule AB, Greenland.
6. Oct 09 – Jun 12, Operations Evaluator and Executive Officer, Air Force Inspection Agency, Kirtland AFB, NM
7. Jun 12 – Jul 14, Chief, Technical Inspections, DTRA, Kirtland AFB, NM.
8. Jul 14 – Jul 17, ABNCP Mission Commander, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, NE
9. Jul 17 – Present, Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 755, San Juan, PR

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	29 June 1998
First Lieutenant	29 June 2000
Captain	29 June 2002
Major	01 May 2008
Lt Col	01 Sep 2013