



BIOGRAPHY

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Lt Col Sarah E. Kercher is the Director of Operations, 388th Operations Support Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. She leads a squadron supporting two fighter wings with a mission to maintain combat readiness to deploy, employ, and sustain F-35s worldwide in order to fly, fight, and win any conflict. Her position oversees multiple functions, including Aircrew Flight Equipment, Wing Scheduling & Training, Wing Weapons, Intelligence, and Cyber Support. She is dual-hatted as the wing's Senior Aerospace Physiologist and is responsible for training 150+ F-35A pilots and 1.6K regional aircrew. Sarah is a consultant to Air Combat Command, AF Headquarters and liaises with numerous agencies to maximize human performance and minimize risk for all USAF aircrew. Prior to her current position, she was the Chief of AF Aerospace Physiology Research at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio.

Lt Col Kercher joined the Air Force as an enlisted Airman in October 2000. She was selected for an enlisted commissioning scholarship and earned her commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduation from Michigan State University in 2009. Kercher has a diverse background with experience in aerospace medicine, undergraduate pilot training, pilot flight equipment, flight safety, and research and development. Lt Col Kercher has flown in the F-15, HH-60, T-6, T-1, T-38, F-16, KC-135 and C-17 aircraft.



EDUCATION

1999 Diploma, Corunna High School, Corunna, MI

2004 Associates of Public Health Technology, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL

2005 Airman Leadership School, Professional Military Education, Langley AFB, VA

2009 Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Michigan State University, MI

2015 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

2020 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

2022 Master of Science, Transformational Leadership, University of Maryland, MD